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OUR CHURCH PAPER.

There is one paper which will go into every Methodist home in Greensboro, and there is another which ought to go with it. THE METHODIST is the church paper of Methodism in Greensboro and must reach every Methodist; the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, being the official organ of the Methodist Church, ought to enter every home, not only in Greensboro, but in all North Carolina. A man should seek first to be familiar with the affairs of that particular church of which he is a member, because that is his point of contact with the whole church. All the work that he may do for the church at large must be done through the society of which he is a member and for that reason it is necessary for him to be intimate with its workings. The mission of THE METHODIST is to acquaint every Methodist in Greensboro with the workings of his church, so that he may be a more efficient member and in greater sympathy with all forward movements the church may make. But in order for a member to be of value to the church at large, he must keep up with the progress of the whole church. There is nothing more narrowing than for one to shut himself out from the world, whether it be in religious life or any other. The only way by which a shell can be kept off of the member of a local church is to bring him in contact with the whole church through the organ of his church. One might as well try to keep up with the workings of his party by taking nothing but the county weekly, as to try to keep up with his church without taking its official organ. The paper which is absolutely necessary to every Methodist for his information and growth is the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*. It is the one paper authorized by the Conferences of North Carolina to give the news for the Methodism of the whole State. How well the *Advocate* is doing its work all progressive Methodists know. If we Methodists were not so much inclined to see things *going on* to perfection rather than perfection itself, we would say that the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* is doing its work as well as could be desired. We have seen no paper more alive and growing more steadily. After a process of settling down through nearly half a century, it has at last found rock and the paper question seems to be settled. The Methodists of our town will not be satisfied until the *Advocate* is in every home.

UNITY OF METHODISM.

Methodism is connectional. Every church, whether small or large, is connected with every other church in the whole religious body called Methodist. This tie should be made stronger in every possible way. It is the aim of THE METHODIST to be true to this spirit by uniting more closely all the Methodist forces in our town. West Market, by reason of its prominence and age, takes the lead, and Centenary follows closely. Each can draw much from the other by intimate association. Proximity is a new work and is hardly ready as yet to be thrown out into the world to take up life as a separate church. It expects to draw largely from the two older churches in every way. But Proximity will be a great help to West Market and Centenary by calling their attention away from themselves to work outside. No church which expends all its efforts on itself can grow and broaden. Proximity will be present with the cry: "Come over and help us," and the older churches will be strengthened in their spiritual life by responding to the call. With us there is no first, no second, no third, but we are all joined together in one body to deepen the spiritual life of the whole church and increase her borders. This ought to be the spirit of every Methodist.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

The subscription price of this paper is 25 cents a year. Of course, we think it is worth much more than that, but it must be kept in reach of every man, woman and child in Greensboro and for that reason the subscription price is only a nominal amount. This paper must be sent to the home of every Methodist in our town. If any one is too poor to pay the 25 cents, he must have the paper anyway; but we hardly think there is any person, or at least any Methodist here, who is not able to pay this small amount. We are going to issue at least 500 copies and send a paper to every Methodist family in town. If a paper fails to come to your house it will be an oversight, and you will favor us by letting us know it. We will be around in due time for your subscription, but if you become impatient, hunt us up and pay it. We would like for every Methodist in every family to keep a file of THE METHODIST, but we will not insist on more than one copy going into each family. This is a good paper for the children to take and make their own.

WEST MARKET LEAGUE.

The Epworth League of West Market is thoroughly alive. Its devotional meetings are spiritual and its literary meetings are instructive and entertaining. The last literary meeting was one of especial interest. The papers on Lowell were critical and interesting. Much work is being done by the League through the committee on charity and help. Next Monday evening will be the time for the next literary meeting. An interesting programme is being prepared. The attendance is good, but it should be better.

To increase its vigor, the League needs some active and aggressive work. Proximity furnishes a field. The new church must be built. The League can find no better way to benefit itself than to take an active part in the building of the church. The League can, and ought to, raise a good amount for this work. Let all the members of the League study over this suggestion.

Officers will be elected Monday night, so that a large attendance is desirable.

PROXIMITY CHURCH.

DIRECTORY:—Sunday School every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. E. L. Sides, Superintendent.

Preaching at 7:00 p. m. G. T. Rowe, pastor.

Prayermeeting every Wednesday at 7:00 p. m.

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SALUTATORY.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

We send you this week THE METHODIST, and hope it may be a welcome visitor to your homes. We have long felt the need of some additional means of communication with our members and have decided to adopt this plan for this year. We hope in this way to reach every home and member of the church every week. This will enable us to keep constantly and prominently all the movements and interests of our church before all our people. We hope also by this means to secure a more hearty and general co-operation in all our church work. We shall gladly publish all the tokens of our progress and prosperity, while we shall seek to correct our mistakes and evil tendencies. We wish to foster and build up the spiritual life of our people and encourage and lead them into larger and more useful lives. We ask for ourselves the sympathy and support of all our members and friends. We are without skill or experience in this line of work, and ask that our imperfections and shortcomings may be dealt with in charity and patience. Praying that God may make this unpretentious paper a blessing to you all we send it forth upon its mission.

The money received from our advertisers and subscription list will go toward paying the expenses of the paper. What is left after the expenses are paid will go toward the building of our church at Proximity.

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God has greatly blessed us during the past year and we begin the new year with most flattering prospects of success and happiness. Let us be devoutly thankful for all our mercies, and go forth into the new year with a strong purpose to do right in all things. Let us daily seek divine guidance and help in all our works and ways.

Let us use more faithfully all the means of grace—the services of the sanctuary, the study of God's word and daily meditation and prayer.

THE PRAYER MEETING.

No service of the church is more important than the mid-week prayer meeting. It comes in the midst of the week's labors and cares and affords a quiet hour for rest from care, and to gain strength for the toils and temptations of the remaining days of the week. Our prayer meetings have been well attended and greatly profitable, but during this year we wish to see the attendance greatly increased. Let all our members come to this service when it is at all possible. Let no trifling excuse keep you away.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

While advertising is not our primary aim, yet we see no reason why THE METHODIST should not be an excellent advertising medium. We have had no difficulty in placing in our columns the best business men of the town and we feel sure that they will find their advertisements paying well. Of course, the size of the paper demands that the advertising space should be limited, and there are about as many in the paper now as we can carry. We are advertising none but reliable men, and there is not a single advertisement in the paper to which we cannot give our personal endorsement. All Methodists will do well to patronize those whose names appear on this sheet.

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J. H. WEAVER, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

Epworth League service, Monday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Stewards' Meeting, 2nd Monday at 7:30 p. m.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

Womans' Missionary Society, 1st Monday at 3:30 p. m.

Ladies' Aid Society, 2d Monday at 3:30 p. m.

Juvenile Society, 1st Sunday at 3 p. m.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

Prof. P. P. Claxton, Superintendent Sunday School.

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STEWARDS.

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Stewards meet on last Tuesday in each month.

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SOCIETIES.

Epworth League—Miss Mamie Yost, President; T. A. Glascock, Miss Carrie McNairy and Miss Irma Mendenhall, Vice Presidents; Miss Agnes Lewis, Secretary; Theodore Williams, Treasurer. The devotional meeting is held every Monday night at 7:30 in the church.

Ladies' Aid Society—Mrs. G. T. Glascock, President; Mrs. B. E. Smith, Secretary; Mrs. J. E. Gay, Treasurer. Meets on Tuesday after first Sunday in each month.

Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. J. E. Gay, President; Mrs. J. L. Winningham, Secretary; Mrs. G. T. Glascock, Corresponding Secretary. Meets Wednesday after the second Sunday in each month.

Young People's Missionary Society—Miss Eva Montgomery, President; Miss Eva Dauley, Secretary. Meets on third Sunday in each month at 4 p. m. in the church.

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There is quite a number of Methodists at the mills and the church is being organized. We have a good nucleus already and members are coming in all the time. The Sunday School, which was organized with a membership of 72, has been increasing every Sunday. We are well equipped with teachers and literature, and a good interest is shown all the time. The Proximity people are glad that the Methodists have come among them and are encouraging the new church in every way. The room is full at every service and the interest is good.

Our greatest drawback is a lack of room. We are full now, and in order to grow we must have more room. This makes the building of a new church absolutely necessary. The church must, and will, be built. Mr. Cone has promised to give us a lot and others have promised us money and work. We must have a good church and it must be built soon. We cannot afford to build a cheap church which would need to come down in a short time. We want something permanent. $1,200.00 would build a church that would be a credit to Proximity and to the Methodists of Greensboro. It must be done. Plans are being put on foot now which will give us this valuable church. Every Methodist should have a hand in it.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The West Market League met at 7:30 on Monday evening, and after devotional exercises, went into a business meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President, Miss Mary Trotter; 1st Vice-President, G. T. Rowe; 2d Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Weaver; 3rd Vice-President, Chas. L. Raper; Secretary, J. H. Wheeler; Treasurer, Miss Nannie Lee Smith; Pianist, Miss Helen Wheeler. The League expects every newly-elected officer to do his duty. No person has a right to accept any position which he does not intend to fill as faithfully as his ability will allow. By neglecting or shirking, he wrongs not only himself but every member of the League.

The meeting Monday evening will be devotional. Mr. Chas. L. Andrews will lead. As the services of the sanctuary are the most important work of the church, so the devotional exercies are the most vital work of the League. They form the circuit which connects with the source of power. We must be careful of them.

ITS MARK.

The only thing that characterizes "high society" and distinguishes it from other ordinary grades of mortals, is its dancing, card-playing, and swell receptions. Entrance into this sphere of life, or rather existence, is not difficult. All one needs is a common school education, a faultless shirt-front, and a lack of manhood. But when a man enters it, he enters a life notoriously and fearfully corrupt. That is a guarded expression: nothing else will express its real condition. The looseness of the card-table and ball-room tends to a looseness which destroys all honor and virtue. Many a girl is secretly dying from impaired virtue and a crushed heart, who once held that it was no harm to dance. If this were a mere opinion, the pulpit might afford to keep silent, but object lessons are all around us.

Did you begin this new year by attending prayer meeting last week? If not, why not?

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Last Sunday we had present 250 and about 100 absent. Can we not reduce the number of absentees greatly on next Sunday? We ought to have present at least 300 every Sunday. This can be accomplished if all the parents will take a little interest in getting their children ready, and seeing that they go. We ought, also, to have a much larger number of our older people in our Sunday School.

Let all our people carefully and prayerfully consider the claims of the Sunday School upon them and see if they do not find it to their interest, as well as their duty, to attend the Sunday School. How many parents will make an honest effort to be present on next Sunday and thus set a good example for your children, and encourage those who are in charge of this good work?

J. H. W.

IMPORTANT.

We are greatly in need of money to pay for the finishing work now being done on our Auditorium. We must raise $500 at once to meet demands now due for this work. We have enough in subscription to more than pay for this work. Some of these amounts have been standing for five years; other subscriptions have been made at other times.

If our members who owe subscriptions will just come up and pay at once the amounts due, we can settle our bills, and complete our work at once. Will not every one who owes anything to this fund come to our help just now?

J. H. W.

NEW MEMBERS.

Following new members received at West Market since Conference: Mrs. Mary A. Chrismon, Robert Chrismon, G. R. Chrismon, W. R. Patterson, Mrs. Ella Patterson, Chas. A. Parker, E. M. Goolsby, Mrs. Lucy Goolsby, Miss Mary Goolsby, J. J. McDonald, Mrs. Mary W. McDonald, Samuel Golden, Mrs. Laura Golden, Mrs. McGehee, H. A. Golden, Mrs. L. A. Golden, Miss Golden, Mrs. Pauline H. Brooks, Mrs. Emma Mann Sherwood, Miss Phoebe Pegram, Miss Fannie H. Massey.

STEWARDS' MEETING.

The Board of Stewards of West Market held their monthly meeting at the church in the pastor's study last Monday evening. There was a good attendance. A meeting of bank directors could not have been more business like. This explains largely the success of West Market, as a church. All business of the church is conducted on strictly business principles. The treasurer's report showed that salaries were paid up to the present time.

The financial plan of the Methodist church has long been a subject of ridicule. Her slip-shod methods have merited it. West Market is setting the church a good example and other churches would do well to follow it.

ADVERTISING AGAIN.

We saw two ladies reading THE METHODIST. They never stopped until they had read the last word of the last advertisement on the last page. This was more than idle curiosity. It meant that they were going to trade with our advertisers. The Methodists of Greensboro are loyal and are going to uphold their church and church paper in every way. In a letter received early this week, the writer said: "I have read every word in your paper."

THE METHODIST is small enough, if not good enough, to bear reading through and through. If you want to reach the people, then, engage some advertising space, as soon as there is room.

A GOOD DAY'S WORK.

Two of our lady members recently made fourteen visits in one day. This is a good example for all our lady members. How much good could be done if more attention was given to this kind of work. We earnestly request our good women to enter this inviting field and call as soon as possible on all our new members, and thus make them feel at home in our midst, and give them a cordial invitation to our church services, and to the Sunday School, Epworth League and Womans' societies.

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The most critical period through which anything passes is its infancy. The death rate is over twice as longer between the ages of one and five as it is between the ages of five and ten. If our paper survives the period of teething, thrash, and whooping cough it is certain of a long life. Money makes the vehicle move, and in order to succeed abundantly THE METHODIST must have a little money along. All bills have been paid up to date, but new ones are being made. Your subscription will help to pay these. You will do your church a favor by handing your 25 cents to G. T. Rowe or Jos. J. Stone immediately.

The services at West Market Sunday were interesting and impressive. Dr. Weaver's sermon in the morning was strong, practical, and convincing. "Non-conformity to the World" was his theme. He drew a sharp distinction between being in the world and being conformed to the world, and mentioned several worldly practices which Christians should avoid in order not to be conformed to the world.

Proximity had her best day last Sunday. The attendance at Sunday School was good and the lesson was better. The room was running over Sunday evening. We must have that church.

Everybody hates a lazy man. The lazy man even hates himself. No wonder bees become exasperated and kill the drones occasionally. Every church member should have something to do, and should do it. Many people see nothing to do because they don't try to see. With all the various work in which the church engages before him, no one can say he has nothing to do. If his religious life is an idle and unprogressive one it is his own fault.

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As many of you know a change in the manner of collecting money has been made, the salaries and incidentals are to be paid each week. The plan adopted by the Stewards for this year is to assess each member so much per week. Envelopes with name on back are sent to each member with request to pay weekly. In addition to this and to make the assessment plan a success four lady collectors are appointed for a month. They get from the treasurer on Monday names of all who did not pay on the preceding Sabbath and call on them during the week for the amount. So far while we are only beginning the success has been beyond expectation, and we urge all members to pay their assessment each Sabbath and save trouble for the collectors. If you can not attend send the amount to the morning or evening service. By so doing you will greatly aid the Stewards in their work.

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We have heard nothing but kind expressions in regard to the first issue of our paper. We thank all who have expressed themselves as pleased. Of course there were mistakes in it. Only dead men and dumb brutes make no mistakes. But we trust the number of them was small. We hope to get better as we grow older.

The devotional meeting of Centenary League was well attended Monday night. The President, Miss Mamie Yost, led the service and made an interesting talk. This League has a fine membership and is capable of doing much good. New members are received at every business meeting.

The literary meeting for this month will be held tonight at the residence of Mr. J. R. Mendenhall, on Asheboro street. The subject is "An Evening with the Wesleys."

The treasurer would urge weekly or monthly payments. If you need church envelopes, the ushers or treasurer, Dr. J. E. Wyche, will supply you.

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RELIGION AND COMFORT.

Every Methodist in Greensboro delights to dream dreams about, and see visions of, the New West Market Church in its completion. Doubtless we all have brought up before our imagination the large auditorium, well-seated, carpeted and lighted, with the pulpit ready for the preacher and the pipe organ waiting for the choir. It has been our pride through its years of building. We have worked for it and we look forward to the time when we can dedicate it to God as a monument to His goodness, raised through our love and gratitude to Him.

This magnificent structure has cost work and money. So much has it cost, that many at the outset said the church could not be built. But it is being built and is nearing completion, paying its way as it goes. The building is to have about it every comfort and convenience. One who had been accustomed to cole, mountain churches, would call it luxurious.

There was a time when such large planning and building structures for God would have been severely criticised. When it was considered a virtue to sit in church for two hours on a cold day with open windows and when a fire in the church was thought to be "softness and needless self-indulgence," our people could not have built the new church at West Market. But that puritanic sentiment is passing away. Christianity is no longer associated with down-turned mouth corners and a sour face, but with whatever tends to make the world better and happier. When comfort and loyalty to God conflict, then it is necessary to choose God and let comfort go, but there is no virtue in voluntarily choosing hardship when there is nothing to be gained. We will be glad to see the time when every Christian is unwilling to see the house of God kept with less care than his own home.

It would be a great sin for West Market to take the money which should go to furthering the gospel in foreign lands and spend it all on herself. If her efforts at comfort kept her from doing her duty by the unsaved world, then hers would be a great sin. But she has neglected nothing. Her collections for all purposes come up in full.

CHARITY TOWARD PROGRESS.

Conservatism is a good thing. Without some ballast the State would be in continual revolution, and the church would swallow every new heresy for sound doctrine. But a man carries his love for the present state of things too far, when he criticises and cries down every progressive idea simply because of its novelty. Men are wont to criticise what they do not understand, and we seldom understand a new movement until it has become, in a measure, old. Hence our attitude to all progress should be that of tolerance.

The men who do most for the world are the ones who are most criticised. No one abuses a dead man, and he who never goes forward meets no resistance. Leaders of movements need not expect to get on without criticism. Men will talk. But this should have no effect on the worker's course, for he is answerable, not to the critic, but to his God.

Meanwhile let us remember that any fool can tear down, but it takes a philosopher to build up. A boy can tear a Waterbury watch to pieces, but it takes a jeweler to put it back. An infant can destroy, in thirty seconds, what an artist spent a year in painting. The highest product of Phidias' chisel could be demolished by a common ass. When we begin, then, to criticise the work of our church or her officers, let us ask ourselves whether we could do any better. The man of greatest ability is almost always the most lenient critic.

SEATS! SEATS!! SEATS!!!

All the money for the seats is now past due. Our auditorium is completed except a part of the painting. Our carpet is about ready. And now we must have the new seats, and to get them we must have all the money that has been promised. Let every subscriber heed this call and pay up at once. There are also many small, and some large amounts yet due on old subsciptions. We are greatly in need of all this money, and we again most earnestly urge all our friends to come up and settle these amounts and we will all feel better. J. H. W.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

The monthly literary meeting of Centenary League, at the residence of Mr. J. R. Mendenhall on Friday night, was both pleasant and profitable. The subject was: "An Evening with the Wesleys." Prof. Nathan Toms read a paper on "Epworth and the Early Life of the Wesleys," and Miss Ruby Glascock one on Susanna Wesley. Both papers were well written, and showed thought and study. They presented many interesting facts connected with the lives of this illustrious family.

Miss Irma Mendenhall and Miss Eva Montgomery read each a hymn written by the Wesleys and Miss Etta Stockard gave a beautiful recitation that was a delight to the company. Miss Carrie McNairy is the Vice-President who has charge of the literary department, and to her is due the credit for presenting so interesting a programme. The same subject has been selected for the meeting next month.

After the programme was rendered and several hours had been spent in social enjoyment, the party was invited to the dining room, where refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall and their two accomplished daughters know how to entertain, and their kindness and hospitality, which the League greatly appreciates, added much to the pleasure of the occasion. J. E. G.

YOUR VOWS.

When you joined the Methodist church this solemn question was asked you: "Will you be subject to the discipline of the church, attend upon its ordinances and support its institutions?" And your reply was: "I will endeavor so to do, by the help of God."

This vow you voluntarily assumed at the altar of the church. How have you kept it? Pay thy vows unto the Lord. J. E. G.

Last Sabbath was a bright and beautiful day, and yet you were not at church. Your pastor missed you. How spent you that new day God gave to think on nobler things above? J. E. G.

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A GOOD TALK.

Several were out at prayermeeting Wednesday evening in spite of the unfavorable weather. Bro. Irons lead. He took for his subject, "Faith as a mustard seed." "The mustard seed," he said, "is not used to designate a small faith, but a live faith; the element of similarity between faith and a mustard seed is life." The faith of the church should have been developed far more largely than it is. Life means growth, and a living faith means a growing faith. The speaker, who was one of the leading preachers of an Eastern Conference, but who had to give up his work on account of the illness of his wife, is now a travelling man, and we hope to see him in Greensboro often.

Bro. Irons has great faith in the Bible. "Peculiar passages," he said, "fit peculiar experiences. What applies to the widow and orphan cannot comfort the man who has never experienced bereavement, but each person has his peculiar passage of comfort. The truths of the Bible all have a particular and local meaning, but every truth has a general and world-wide meaning also.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AGAIN.

On last Sunday our School numbered 265. This is the largest attendance we have ever had, and this is far short of what we ought to have every Sunday.

On next Sunday we want at least 300 present, and feel sure if all the parents and teachers will do their duty we shall have them. Let us see how many classes can have every member present. We yet have room for more of the parents. Come with your children next Sunday. J. H. W.

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Quite a number of people from Greensboro have been out and helped us in our work. We appreciate their interest in us thoroughly and are always glad to see them come.

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The devotional meeting of West Market League last Monday evening was short, interesting and helpful. The talks and prayers were earnest. Attendance was good. The full membership ought to come out to the literary meeting Monday evening. Prof. Raper has prepared a programme on Whittier, which will prove instructive to all who attend. Each member should feel it his duty to attend the literary meetings, because one who is on the programme feels more inclined to make preparation, when he knows that a good crowd will be present when his paper is read.

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"Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh; so that thou wilt not follow or be led by them?"

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Every Methodist has taken this vow. Would it not be well for us to inquire how we have kept it? If we find we have not kept this vow let us repent of so great a sin, and ask God to forgive us. And then, by his grace, let us be true to God and his church for all time to come. J. H. W.

From the size of our prayer-meetings now one would suppose that some new year resolutions had gone into effect. The attendance at West Market gives the appearance of a well-filled church, and the prayer-meeting congregation in Proximity has increased largely. If the man who said that the prayer-meeting is the thermometer of the church, was telling the truth, our churches here are in good spiritual condition.

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QUALITY OR QUANTITY.

The question which God always asks in regard to the membership of a church is not, How many, but What kind. Man is concerned for quantity; God for quality. The world was allowed to go on and produce a vast horde of men during four thousand years before God was satisfied with the product. There had been many people who had served God in an uncertain and lukewarm way, but no one had ever given the quality of service which God was working towards until Jesus came.

A church may have large numbers and yet be dead and powerless. God and one are a majority, but a vast crowd without God is a hopeless minority. A worldly church, or a church whose membership is coarse in quality, is a dead weight on itself—a gigantic unwieldy China, ready to fall a victim to any attack.

No church should have as its aim the swelling of its registers. There is danger that, while gaining in quantity, it may lose in quality. The church of God on Mt. Carmel had but one member, but what Elijah lacked in numbers, he gained in power. The four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal were in the majority, but God caused Elijah to win. There is no end to the good that God can accomplish through one consecrated life, but he can do nothing whatever with a lukewarm church.

DELINQUENTS.

We were in error week before last in stating that all the salaries were paid up in full to the present time at West Market. The salaries of the pastor and presiding elder were paid, but the other salaries were behind. They are behind still, as the following notice from the treasurer will show:

The treasurer is in need of funds and urges a full collection on the assessments for salaries and incidental expenses. Total number of members assessed 317. 126 of these have not paid anything. Eight Sundays of the conference year have passed.

J. E. WYCHE,
Treasurer.

Jan. 28, 1898.

MEMBERS AT PROXIMITY.

The process of forming a new church is necessarily slow. Where a number of members are taken from a central church in order to start a new one, it is possible to gain a large membership in a short time, but where there is no central organization, overgrown, to draw from, the growth of the church must be slow. We opened our hall at Proximity without a single member and without any apparent source of membership. It was soon found that there were a good many Methodists at the mill with their names scattered among the various church registers around in the State. These names we began to collect through certificates and our church roll now numbers 25. This is but a good start. There is hope of running our membership up to 75 by the fall. Of course, our aim is not to get large numbers; what we want is to plant and foster christianity in the community for its salvation; but the larger working force we have the better.

ENCOURAGING.

Last week we asked for 300 in our Sunday School and on last Sunday the secretary's report showed 297 present, and afterwards we found two teachers had not reported themselves. This made our number 299, only one lacking of the 300 asked for. We have since heard of enough members of the School who were absent on account of trivial excuses to have put us considerably beyond 300.

We had absent on last Sunday some 75 members. After making all due allowance for sickness and other unavoidable causes, this is by far too many to be absent. Let us greatly reduce this number on next Sunday. We were glad to see many of the parents come with their children on last Sunday. This is as it should be. Don't send your children to Sunday School, but bring them, and thus you will make them feel that the Sunday School is important and worth their attention. We have undertaken to build up our School to what it ought to be. Let all the teachers and parents help us.

J. H. W.

LARGE CONGREGATION.

On last Sunday we had the largest congregation that we have ever seen at our church. Our new auditorium was crowded to its utmost capacity. We regretted much that so many devout and attentive listeners had to hear such a poor discourse. We hope they will come again, and that they may fare better.

We feel deeply the need of our completed church. We now need all the room we will have, gallery and all, and if we will all do our duty for a few weeks we shall be able to enjoy the fruits of our toil and sacrifice. Let all pay their subscriptions and let those who have paid all, pay a little more, and we will come out all right. We are glad to hear that some have been making voluntary subscriptions during the week. We hope many will do so before Sunday. We wish to announce the number and the amount of money subscribed on next Sunday. Now, let next Saturday be a day set for all our members to pay something to this cause, either on new or old account. We would not be so persistent in this matter but for its great importance. We want it done and off our hands, and then we will write and talk and preach about other things. I think this promise ought to bring the money.

J. H. W.

That about the Methodist churches in Greensboro, which impresses a stranger or a newcomer most, is their healthy spiritual condition. They appear to be thoroughly alive. This vitality is the result of activity. West Market has been taxing every resource to build her new church for the last few years and this has enlivened her members thoroughly.

A CHILDREN'S CLASS.

A number of children have expressed a desire to join the church in the near future, and that we may give them some special instruction, we have decided to form a children's class. We want all the children to meet us on next Sunday evening at the church at 3 o'clock. Let all come, those who are members, as well as those who art not.

J. H. W.

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A GOOD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Stewards of Centenary church met at the residence of Mr. M. Vuncannon on Tuesday night. Though the weather was exceedingly unpleasant, every member of the board was present except two, who were out of town. All the business with which they were charged was carefully considered and the best measures adopted. The collections for the past month have been sufficient to pay all the current expenses.

The report of the treasurer was very encouraging and showed decided improvement over last month. The temporal affairs of Centenary church are in good hands. Its faithful board of Christian men are doing all in their power to forward the interests of the church, and success is crowning their efforts. Let every member give their hearty co-operation and by united effort and much prayer let us all resolve to make this the best year in the history of the church. J. E. G.

AN APPRECIATED KINDNESS.

On last Thursday night a large number of the members and friends of Centenary church visited the parsonage and gave the pastor a generous pounding. They continued coming till the house was filled with people and the dining room table loaded with many useful articles for home consumption.

This thoughtful kindness is highly appreciated and to each and all we tender sincere thanks. These people have been exceedingly kind to us since the first day we came among them. May the Lord reward them.

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If you have anything to say to the members of your church or to Methodism in general, send it to us, or if you have anything which you think ought to be said, tell it to us and we will say it.

If you are a member of a Methodist church in Greensboro and fail to get this paper, it is due to the fact that the mail has miscarried. Send us your street number.

ATTEND TO YOUR FRUIT AND SHADE TREES.

Now is time to look over your fruit garden and see what you need in the way to fill up, and also see where you need shade trees. You cannot delay this matter, as the planting season will soon be passed. If you have not pruned your grape vines, attend to this at once, and any order, that you may entrust to me for fruit, shade, or ornamental trees, shall receive my best attention. Most truly yours,

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Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Stewards' Meeting, 2nd Monday at 7:30 p. m.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

Womans' Missionary Society, 1st Monday at 3:30 p. m.

Ladies' Aid Society, 2d Monday at 3:30 p. m.

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THE POET OF NEW ENGLAND.

The literary meeting of West Market League, which was to have been held last Monday evening, was necessarily postponed. The programme will be rendered next Monday evening with the advantage of an additional week's preparation. It is as follows:

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A PERVERTED FAITH.

Why are there so many suicides now? In almost every paper, we read the accounts of from one to a dozen suicides. Why is it? The conditions of living are as easy as they ever were. There are more things to make life enjoyable, and inventions to increase the comfort of society are being brought out every day. Troubles are no greater and no more real now than they were in the days of our fathers. There is not less sympathy. Helpers, organized and individual, are everywhere. Why is it, then, that people take their own lives?

It is because of uncertainty. Doubt and unbelief enter into the heart of a man and take out all that life was worth living for. He used to think he knew something about God and his laws and the world; but all has become uncertainty now, and he doesn't care to struggle without definite hope any longer. As long as his faith in God and the future were fixed and definite, he was willing to strive. The hope of future reward and happiness has caused many a man to struggle on through odds for three score years and ten, who otherwise would have given up long before.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast.
Man never is, but always to be, blest."

The pendulum of thought swings from one extreme to another. The discourses from the pulpit, which our forefathers heard, were on such subjects as Death, Hell, and Judgment, and were so vivid and graphic as to make the hair stand on end.

That was one extreme. Our generation has shifted to the other side and laid aside those terrible themes for such as, God's Love and Mercy, The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. God, to our fathers, was a God of wrath; we have made Him a God of love. Looking at eternity and its destinies many have presumed upon the mercies of God so far as to take their own lives. Indeed, they believed in a God, but it was a mild, careless, lawless God, who was too tender-hearted to punish sin. It is better to believe in God as a God of wrath, than to believe in him simply as a God of love. It is better to believe in the very worst kind of Hell than to believe in no Hell at all.

DRAW THE LINE.

There ought to be a distinct line drawn between the Christian and the world. The characteristics of a man of Christ should be so marked that men might have no difficulty in ascertaining where he belongs. That the lines of distinction are not so clear as they once were, everybody knows. This indicates that the world is becoming Christian or that the church is growing worldly. After keeping up with current events through the papers for a week, it is easy to conclude that the kingdoms of this world are far from becoming "the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ" as yet. Then, one is forced to the conclusion that the church is yielding too much to the opinions of the world.

This is said without calamity howling or pessimism. In most of its work the church is advancing steadily, if not rapidly. Far more is being done now to spread the gospel over the world than has ever been done before, and active, growing, sanctifying godliness is manifest in almost every congregation. Works of love, charity and mercy are more abundant, and the whole church is alive to every kind of good work. But in looking so carefully to what we should do, have we not grown somewhat careless as to what we should not do? Can any amount of active effort toward right atone for actual effort toward wrong? Will praying in public or teaching in Sunday School offset the evil tendency created by worldliness? Is it not as necessary to keep the heart pure as it is to keep the body active?

What is causing this growing worldliness? The trouble is this: we have regarded too lightly the Paulin injunction to "avoid the appearance of evil." The very fact that a line of conduct is called in question is evidence that the appearance of evil is there. We sometimes say: "I don't believe it's any harm," and go on and do it, while in our conscience there is at least a question as to whether the action is right or not. That is not avoiding the appearance of evil. Our effort should be, not to stay as near the fence which shuts us off from the world as possible, but to stay as far away from it as we can.

A terrible danger arises from yielding to the worse side of doubtful questions. A Christian may yield a point here and there, until he finds his whole idea of right and wrong slipping from him. He may surrender a point at a time, until not only the Mosaic Law and the Ten Commandments become meaningless, but the very teachings of Jesus Christ become a matter of opinion. He finally reaches the belief of the Frenchman who said that the moral law was a trick of tyrants to deceive fools. Better believe in every law than no law—better have faith in everything than in nothing.

PASTORAL VISITING.

With this week we hope to nearly complete our first round of pastoral visits to the congregation. But if any family has not had a visit from the pastor when this paper reaches you, you may daily expect one. Our rule is to make regular visits to all our people and to make frequent visits to those who are sick or in need of special attention.

We have experienced one difficulty. That is in finding out about the sick. In a membership of nearly 600 it is impossible for the pastor to know the condition of each one every day, hence it often happens that some one has been sick for a few days and think hard of the pastor for not calling when he knows nothing of it. Do not expect your pastor to know when you are sick by intuition or revelation, for such sources of information are not sufficient in cases of this kind.

How does the Doctor find out that you are sick? You send for him. It is but reasonable to expect that you would do the same way with your pastor, if you really wanted a visit from him.

It is not our habit to neglect any of our members, and especially the sick, or those in need of attention from any cause. We are always thankful for information in such cases. It will only cost one cent to drop the pastor a card informing him of your sickness and requesting a visit. Let all our members help us in this regard, rather than fine fault of our shortcomings.

J. H. W.

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

We have been greatly gratified at the large congregations that uniformly attend our church services. This is a most hopeful and encouraging sign, and yet we have not at any time reached the standard of the Apostolic Church, when it was said, "They were all of one accord in one place." We have never had all our members together at any one time. Perhaps the per cent. of members attending service is as large at West Market as any church in the land. We are inclined to believe it is. And yet, there are many who could not be said to be regular attendants at church. And there are some on our church register whom we have never seen in the house of God. Some of these doubtless have justifiable reasons for their absence. Brother, sister, have you such reasons? Church going is largely a matter of habit. You go, and continue to go, until it becomes easy and natural for you to go. You fall in love with God's sanctuary and service and cannot be contented to stay away. You find great pleasure and profit in communing with God and His people in the "great congregation."

On the other hand, you can stay away from church until you loose the desire to go, and soon begin to think you can't go, and before you are aware of it the foundations of your character have been undermined; you become an easy prey to sin and are ruined forever. Let all our people make it the habit of their lives to attend, as far as possible, all our church services. We shall not expect any trouble from those who do so.

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J. E. G.

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The literary and social meeting of Centenary Epworth League will be held at the residence of Mr. C. W. Yost, on Arlington Street, next Friday night. An interesting programme on the Wesleys has been prepared and all the members are urged to attend and thus make the meeting pleasant and successful. J. E. G.

The regular business meeting of Centenary Epworth League will be held next Monday night. Every member is earnestly requested to be present. J. E. G.

The West Market League will hold a business meeting Monday evening. Important matters are to be considered.

There are two natures in every man. Sometimes Dr. Jekyll predominates; sometimes Mr. Hyde. All of us, at our best, are sons of God, and at our worst, are children of the devil.

When we feel like criticising others harshly, a little introspection would make us mild.

The human heart is the same the world over. We deserve no credit for what environment and heredity have done for us.

Seven members have been added to the roll of Centenary church in the last two Sundays. To each one we extend a hearty welcome. J. E. G.

The lady collectors for Centenary church for this month are Misses Irma Mendenhall, Mamie Yost, Allie Winningham and Joste Knight.

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TO MY MEMBERS.

There are two or three things I wish to say, and no better way of saying can be adopted than the Bible method, which is to say the good first. And I am truly glad to be able to say good things and encouraging about you and your church. Never during my ministry of more than two years have the congregations been so large and they continue to grow. The largest congregation I have seen at any morning service was the one on last Sunday. The Sunday School is at high water mark. More interest is being shown in nearly all the societies of the church. The improved financial system adopted by the stewards at the beginning of the year has produced results that are surprising. More members attend the church than heretofore. But better than these is the improved spiritual condition of the church, the growth in grace, the increase in faith and love, and the good fellowship enjoined. These are good things to say about any church and good because they are true. For them let us be devoutly thankful to God, and prove our worthiness of the blessings bestowed. Now let me call your attention to two things: The first is this. There are some of our members who attend the church very seldom and some who do not come at all. I am glad these are few. But we are sorry that there should be any. Some we know are providentially prevented, but there are some we fear who have no good excuse for staying away. Why should this be true? You need the help of the church, its influence, its fellowship, to assist you in working out your salvation. You promised when you took the vows of the church that you would attend upon its services. The church wants to do you good, to help you to better living, to a better knowledge of God's word, to build you up in faith and to present you faultless at last before the throne of God. The church needs you, your prayers and the good you may do by a godly life. You may and can help in the cause of Christ. Will you not do it? Think about these things, and will you not resolve to become from this time on a regular attendant upon the services of your church? The pastor will be glad to see you and the members will give you a hearty welcome.

But the other word I want to speak is to all the membership. Whatever else a church may do and be it is not doing its work unless souls are being saved. There are many unsaved who attend our church. Are we enough concerned for their salvation? Do we pray enough that God will send the Spirit to convict and save them? This is our work as a church. Let us set ourselves earnestly to the doing of it. And that we may do it effectually let us draw near to God by faith and prayer and by a fuller consecration to God, beseeching him to give such a measure of the Spirit that the blind may see and the deaf hear and that the lost may be found. Let us pray God to make this year one of great ingathering of souls.

Yours in love,

J. E. GAY.

THANK OFFERINGS.

In the last two weeks quite a number of our people have made offerings to our building fund on the ground of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his constant and numberless mercies to us as a church and individuals.

What a great cause we have for gratitude! How great have been *His* mercies to us! Of course we cannot give adequate expression to our gratitude by any amount we might give. If we owned the world and should give it all it would not pay our debts. But let not this fact keep us from bringing our offerings however small to the Lord's house.

It would be a most fitting thing just now, as we are so near the completion of our church and needing a few hundred dollars so badly if all our members who can possibly do so, would bring an offering to the Lord. Let it be indeed a thank offering for the success that has crowned our labors in this great enterprise. Without God's blessing and help we could not have accomplished anything. Let us praise him in word and worship and with a portion of our worldly goods. All who desire to do so can send or hand the amount to me or one of the Committee. If you have no cause of gratitude we ask no offering. J. H. W.

CENTENARY'S AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Centenary church held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. John McCauley. The attendance was much larger than usual. It was the time for election of officers, and the following were elected: Mrs. Dr. E. L. Stamey, president; Mrs. John Lewis, vice-president; Mrs. H. W. Clendenin, treasurer, and Mrs. R. W. Elliott, secretary.

Matters of interest were discussed and measures adopted looking to the improvement of the parsonage. After the business was ended elegant refreshments were served, thus adding to the pleasure of the occasion.

This is a wise and working body of true women who love the church and who have by their zeal accomplished much in the past and they continue their good work with increasing energy. What a help to a church and a pastor is such an organization. May God's blessings be upon their work. J. E. G.

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TRIALS OF THE USHER.

Just to see the usher moving around gracefully from door to pew, one would think that his position was one to be desired for ease and glory. But even the usher has his trials. The church is filling rapidly; empty seats are becoming scarce; the congregation continues to pour in: the usher must find seats; he gets nervous; the people ought to help him out. But when he tries to find seats, he sees most of the vacant ones in the middle of the pew. Certainly, it would have been just as easy for the occupants to have moved on to the middle of the pew in order to leave room at the ends for other comers. But somehow they preferred to sit on the end and have the fun of seeing others crowd past, or moving over themselves at the request of the usher.

Then, too, you have seen the usher carefully select a seat in a comfortable place, go to the door and find his occupant, beckon to him to follow and start back to the pew. He marched gracefully to the vacant seat and turned around to see the intended occupant enter, when lo! he is nowhere to be found. He had taken his seat near the door and calmly watched the usher move up the aisle, a smile flits over the face of the congregation, the usher says nothing, but thinks much, while a thoroughly left expression spreads over his face. No man with a grain of thoughtfulness and politeness will choose this method of torturing his fellowman.

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J. H. W.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.

The work of Proximity was started two months ago. Its progress has been gratifying. No discouragement has been met with so far. Of course, those hindrances which stand in the way of every new movement have been met with, but no serious obstacle has been in the way to impede progress. The hall has been crowded at almost every service, so that the need of a church building is felt more and more. The congregation could be more than doubled, if there were room.

The church was organized last Sunday night, with the following members: W. C. York, Mrs. Cornelia A. York, Miss Nora Walker, Miss Mary McDonald, J. J. McDonald, Mrs. Mary McDonald, W. E. Faucette, J. F. Seurlock, Miss Mamie Faucette, Mrs. Anna B. Jeffries, Charley Hornaday, Lesco Smith, Miss Bettie Smith, Miss Mary Moose, Mrs. Cherry Calloway, John Kirk, Miss Emma Hasty, Miss Sarah Hasty, Mrs. Massey Mustin, Miss Lillie Jarrell, Miss Mamie Jarrell, John M. Beal, David Laughlin, Mrs. Margaret Laughlin, A. B. Mitchell, Mrs. Addie Mitchell. There are twenty-seven in all, and one more to be added this week will make the number twenty-eight.

It is thought best to have services twice on each Sunday hereafter. Beginning with next Sunday there will be services at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and also at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

The music at West Market is always good, but a mishap Sunday morning brought out an additional excellence. The organ got crossed; it had a note that sounded in season and out of season—sounded as long as the pedaling went on. The choir thought no organ was better than too much, and while the hymn was being read, several men pushed the organ back and started into the Sunday School room after another. But the hymn wasn't long enough, and before the second organ was brought in the time had come to sing. The organist nervously passed Brother Ireland the hymn book and tune and the singing began. The tune was neither too high nor too low, but deep and rich and full. It reminded one of the song which begins, "Well, wife, I've found the model church," and contains the line, "Let all the people sing." At any rate, they sang. The whole congregation sang. It was inspiring. An old camp meeting was tasted in the heart of Greensboro. No wonder the pastor prayed such a fervent prayer after the song; no wonder the sermon was good, earnest, and powerful.

The churches should have more congregational singing. The human voice, inspired by the Spirit of God, has far greater power than organ keys moved by wind and pedal. Of course, when people just can't sing, then it is better to drown out their voices with an organ, but where they can sing like West Market people, it is well to trust themselves occasionally. The organ which was brought into Spurgeon's church without his knowledge, remained silent a long time, because of his request that the congregation should sing without it. We have depended on instruments so long and so completely that we have almost forgotten how to sing without them. The organ is quite a help and adds much to worship, but the danger is that we may allow it to become an absolute necessity.

The congregation at Proximity was badly in need of an organ at first, but when we saw that one was not easily gotten, we decided to make an advantage out of an inconvenience and cultivate congregational singing. The plan has worked excellently, so that the need of an organ is scarcely felt now. Of course, only those who stand on the highest limb should crow, and even these should not crow often, but if the quality of Proximity's singing continues to improve in the future as rapidly as it has in the past, she will not be ashamed for any one to come and hear her.

OPTIMISM OR PESSIMISM.

So much of sin and rascality, worldliness and indifference, causes people to ask the question frequently: Is the world getting worse? Men of weak faith and small hope invariably incline to pessimism. There is much now to indicate that the wickedness of the world is on the increase. But this is no more than can be expected. As people become more enlightened and are increased in power by education, they wield a larger influence for better or for worse. Education is power: false education is power for evil; true education is power for good. There is no system of salvation which can accomplish anything without taking into consideration the depravity of the human heart. Regenerate and then educate.

Then, the forces of evil are more closely allied than ever before. The powers of this world are just as certainly combined and risen up against our Lord Christ now as they were in the days of the Apostles. "In union there is strength." The force of example operates more powerfully as people come closer and closer together. The railroad and telegraph have made every man our next door neighbor. I have a better opportunity to see and learn his wickedness. A half century ago a suicide was committed here and there, but the news of it often failed to reach the centres of journalism, so that it was seldom heard of. Now, however, the news is printed in every leading paper in the country twelve hours after it happens. The example is quickly followed and a mania of suicide spreads over the country.

But every new development which is working for the increase of evil is also working for the increase of good, and while wrong is making advance right is making rapid progress too. It is only by comparing remote periods that one is enabled to ascertain whether the world is growing better. We cannot judge by our immediate neighborhood for that is purely local. We cannot judge by our country for that is local to a large extent. But by comparing age with age we can see that the kingdoms of the world are becoming more and more christian. We have the certain promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church of God and that the kingdoms of this world shall eventually "become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ." Victory is absolutely certain, postpone it as you may.

The author of "Quo Vadis" describing in his book the times of Nero and the corruption of the Roman Empire, would seem to indicate a parallel between those times and ours by giving the book the title, "whither are you tending." Many have seen a similarity of our times to those of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. It is quite true that in many particulars they are the same. Each has the faults and virtues of a ripe civilization. But in a vital particular the times are different. Our civilization has the saving salt of christianity in it and diffused through it. It is true that christianity had, to a large extent, been spread abroad in the Roman Empire, but the germs of dissolution had already entered beforehand. Then, too, we must consider the fact that though christianity had been preached, it is only within the last century or two that Christ's teachings have been really understood by large numbers of people. At that day, its history was short, its influence narrow, and the followers of Christ were a despised sect.

All this wickedness in the days of Nero was carried on without any moral sentiment against it. Brutality and sensuality were the dominating passions of every class. But in our day there is always found a very considerable class whose moral sentiment condemns evil of every kind. This sentiment must increase. Let no one be disheartened, but let every one work faithfully, realizing that the church is the salt of the earth and that the final triumph of right is certain.

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WITH THE WESLEYS AGAIN.

On last Friday night the literary meeting of Centenary League was held at the residence of Mr. Yost on Arlington St. The attendance was good and the evening was much enjoyed. Two papers were read on "Jno Wesley in Georgia," one by Miss Agnes Lewis and the other by Mr. T. A. Glascock. Both of these papers were well written showing study and thought, and contained much information relating to the very interesting part of the life of the illustrious founder of Methodism.

Miss Yost read a paper on "Charles Wesley and his Hymns." This was instructive and much enjoyed. It gave the important facts in the life of Charles Wesley and the number of hymns written by him, the number of his hymns found in our Standard hymn book; also history of some of his popular hymns and incedents connected with them.

Miss Yost also sang a solo, which was well rendered. This closed the programme for the evening. These studies of the founders of Methodism have been very profitable and enjoyable to the members. Nothing studied by the League has been more interesting.

The elegant refreshments served after the programme was completed was not the least enjoyable part of the evening.

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J. H. W.

306.

On last Sunday our Sunday School reached the above number. This is our largest attendance so far. We want 325 on next Sunday, and can easily have them if we *all* do our duty. Let every member of the School be present on next Sunday, and we hope also to welcome a good number of new comers.

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Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Monday evening. Bro. Carraway, our Presiding Elder, was present and presided. It was the best attended Quarterly Conference we have ever seen at West Market Street church. There were present twenty-four members. It was an inspiring meeting. All the interests of our church were carefully considered, and great harmony prevailed. The discussions of the Sunday School and Epworth League work were of special interest and importance. These departments of our church were found to be in a most prosperous condition. During the quarter twenty-six persons have been received in the church, twenty-two by certificate and four by vows, and three persons have removed by certificate. There have been no deaths and no expulsions. Our congregations have been the largest in the history of the church and are increasing every Sabbath. We are deeply thankful to God for His blessings upon us, and pray that He may give us wisdom and grace for the great work that is before us. J. H. W.

NEW SEATS.

Our new seats have been *ordered*, and we are all glad. Our people have responded nobly to our calls for this money, and over 95 per cent. of it is ready. We expect it all by the time the seats are ready to be put in place. We will need every dollar subscribed to meet this obligation. Let all remember this. We sincerely thank the congregation for their liberal and prompt response to this collection. The thanks of the whole congregation are due to Bro. J. N. Richardson for his untiring efforts in collecting this money. He has rendered the church a most valuable service. He has discharged this difficult and delicate task with patience and kindness to all, and without renumeration. J. H. W.

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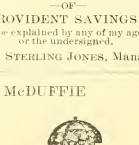

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THE CENTENARY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Almost from the beginning of Centenary Sunday School the church building was found too small to do the most efficient work. But the school has always been good and the attendance large. For some time it was the largest school in Greensboro, but our success provoked others to good work and now we are the third in number. This does not indicate a falling off on our part, but an increase on the part of others, and as our space would not admit of continued growth, we have suffered from arrested development.

At a church meeting on last Sunday morning it was decided to build an infant class room at once. A committee consisting of Jno. A. Hodgin, B. E. Smith, E. E. Bain and T. A. Glascock was appointed with instruction to have the building put up at once. The committee is at work, and it is their intention to have the room ready for occupancy in a few weeks. Let everybody help.

When this building is completed we may not any longer pass unnoticed the query as to the largest school that ever met in Greensboro. We give the brethren warning in advance.

J. E. G.

STEWARD'S MEETING.

After the business of the Quarterly Conference was completed the Stewards held their monthly meeting. There was nearly a full attendance, only two or three brethren being unavoidably absent. This was a most interesting and profitable meeting. All matters committed to the Stewards were carefully considered, and everything was found in good condition. The brethren were all full of hope and enthusiasm for the work of the church. It is our opinion that no church in the land has a more intelligent and consecrated board of Stewards. They are thoroughly organized and take a systematic and careful oversight of every interest of the church. It is no trouble for a church to run smoothly with such an official body. Happy the preacher who has such support and help in his work. May God bless them every one.

J. H. W.

PROGRESS.

The carpet for the whole church is here and ready to put down, and the ladies have made a payment of $450 on it and no doubt will soon be able to settle in full. The seats are on the way, and by the time they get here and can be put up, everything else will be finished in our auditorium. We expect to have all completed by Easter Sunday, if not before. We rejoice to see this enterprise so near completion. Our people have done nobly in this work and they are still doing, and will cheerfully continue until all this work is done and paid for. The Lord has greatly blessed us as a church in every way since the church was undertaken. Our church membership has steadily increased. Our congregations have been growing all the time. Great harmony prevails throughout the church. Our general finances are in better condition than ever before, and though our people have given liberally and largely to the church during all these years, they are in as good, and, I think, better condition financially than when the church was begun. The building of this church has put new life into West Market Street congregation. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth: and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

J. H. W.

BEHIND.

Time Flies. As some wag once remarked, "it's a way time has." And as it flies bills become due and obligations press. It is always better "to pay as you go." Then, debts don't accumulate and burden—the creditor.

Two more Sundays and the first quarter of this conference year will be out. Some have paid their assessments up to the present time. Very good. Some are a good distance behind. Not so good. It would have have been easier for the delinquents to have paid Sunday by Sunday, but since they didn't it becomes necessary to pay in a bulk now. That makes little difference, however, just so the money is paid in within the next two Sundays. It will never do for West Market and Centenary to fall behind. "Thou that teachest men not to steal, dost thou steal?"

LEAGUE.

All reports of the League for several issues have been crowded out. The last three meetings have been unusually good. The business meeting of this month was of especial interest and showed through reports that the work was doing well. The Charity and Help Committe has been unusually active. Our last devotional meeting was made better by a number of voluntary talks. Youth likes spontaniety and despises anything "cut and dried." More members should talk in the devotional meetings without being called upon.

"Quo Vadis" was the subject of discussion at the literary meeting Monday evening. All the papers read were clear and instructive, while the reading by Miss Watlington was vivid and exciting.

NEW WORK INCORPORATED.

Proximity's First Quarterly Meeting was held Thursday evening, February 10th. This was the regular prayer-meeting night and Brother Carraway preached to a good and attentive congregation. Deep interest was manifested in the service and enthusiasm in the quarterly conference. The number present at the conference was unusually large, nearly all of the congregation having remained. In addition to the usual congregation, Dr. J. H. Weaver, Rev. E. L. Sides, and Messrs. W. S. Lyon and W. B. Young, from Greensboro, were present.

The business of the evening was principally the election of officers. Rev. E. L. Sides, who had been elected by the quarterly conference of West Market to superintend the Sunday School, was re-elected by the conference; William C. York, J. J. McDonald, J. F. Scurlock, and David W. Laughlin were elected Stewards; W. S. Lyon, A. B. Mitchell, Robert E. Hanner, W. B. Young and W. E. Faucette were elected Trustees; A. B. Mitchell was also elected to the office of Recording Steward. The conference was adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Weaver.

Next Sunday, February 27th, is the last Sunday in the first quarter. The Stewards are anxious to have all assessments paid in full.

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PRACTICAL LOVE.

There are some men who profess large love for the world, and yet never do anything for its sake. Such friendship is of little value. Some even wound a friend through harsh criticism or censure under the cloak of love. It is impossible to hurt a loved one intentionally. This was illustrated by two Quakers.

"Thee can't hurt me, to save thy life, John, because thee loves me," said one.

"I can hurt thee, William, even if I do love thee."

"Thee can't."

"I can."

"Let's see thee try."

William bared his breast and waited for the blow. John drew back his fist and moved as if to strike. His fist dashed furiously within two inches of William's breast. William did not flinch.

"I will hit thee!" thundered John as he struck towards William's face.

"Well, hit!"

"Get out of the way, or I will hit thee!" yelled John again, as he thrust out his hand toward William's face a third time.

But William didn't move this time, and John began to smile, saying:

"Well, I could hit thee if I wanted too."

That's just the point. You cannot want to hit the man you love.

A CORRECTION

Instead of reading "best three dollar grade of shoe—at $3.50," in Thacker & Brockman's ad. of last issue, read "best three dollar grade at $2.50."

Daily prayer is very essential to the growth of a christian. It is no easier to live a christian life without prayer than it is to live a material life without bread and meat. Prayer is the wire that completes the circuit and causes strength to flow into the soul from God.

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IN ERROR.

In a statement in the last issue, that none of our members had died during the past quarter, we were in error. One had died. Miss Mamie Doak, one of the most consistent and faithful members, after a lingering sickness peacefully passed away. She was truly loved by all who knew her, and was highly esteemed as a woman of many noble virtues. She was true to every relation of life, and has doubtless received the Master's highest praise: 'Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." She has finished her earthly mission and has gone to her rest, but she leaves behind her an influence for good that will not die. J. H. W.

LOVED, BUT LOST.

If the party who borrowed of me Ruskin's "Seven Lamps of Architecture" will be so kind as to return the same, they shall have my everlasting gratitude. JAS. E. GAY.

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On last Saturday morning our people were astonished and grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mr. A. J. Brockmann, one of our old and well known citizens. He had been in failing health for some time, but was able to attend to his business, and no one expected him to pass away so soon. He had just completed his "three score and ten" years, and was ripe in age and character for a better world.

Mr. Brockmann was a member of the Lutheran church, but as there was no organization of that church in Greensboro, he was a regular attendant at West Market Street Methodist church.

He was an honest, upright man in all life's relations. He was also a man of faith and prayer. When he arose on Saturday morning he knelt by his bed and prayed aloud for all the members of his family, and those of his neighbors and fellow-men who were sick or in distress. He committed himself and all to God, and went out to his work cheerful and happy and in a few minutes died while at his work. This was as he desired, as he had expressed the wish that he might die suddenly. I have no doubt as to his readiness for the Master's call. We extend our sincere sympathy to his stricken family, and pray that our Heavenly Father may comfort and sustain them.

J. H. W.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Centenary church have arranged for a special service at the church on next Sunday night. Dr. T. N. Ivey will preach for them, and they earnestly request all members of the church to attend, and bring a contribution for this worthy cause.

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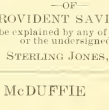

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"WHO HELP THEMSELVES."

It is a saying older than this era that "the gods help those who help themselves." We have demonstrated our willingness to help ourselves at Proximity in a material way. A subscription list was started for the building of our new church, Sunday night. We are all poor, but willing and in earnest. In the future, we shall continue to do all we can. This is our start:

G. T. Rowe	$75 00
W. C. York	10 00
J. J. McDonald	10 00
Miss Mary Sudderth	10 00
Jas. F. Scurlock	10 00
M. W. Martin	5 00
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Miss Martha Beal	2 00
J. M. Beal	2 00
Miss Lizzie Jones	1 00
John Mitchell	1 00
Miss Mary Maxwell	50

These subscriptions are to be paid in monthly payments.

BE READY.

We intend to see a large number of people in Greensboro within the next two weeks, in order to give them an opportunity to contribute to the erection of our church. Study over the matter and be ready to help us. This work in a measure belongs to Greensboro. It was through the advice of West Market Street Church that it was established, and it must be largely through the aid of Greensboro Methodists that the church will be built.

Imagine Jesus hesitating for one moment because his course of action is unpopular. Can you conceive of him asking first what the crowd will say?

THAT CHURCH.

"Uncle Remus" becoming excited in his narrative told the "small boy" that Brer Rabbit, when closely pursued by Brer Fox, climbed a tree. "But," said the boy, "rabbits can't climb." "Hush, Honey," insisted Uncle Remus, "Brer Rabbit jes' had to climb a tree."

The church at Proximity just must be built. The necessity of it is evident to all who have seen what is being done there and what may be done.

The town has a population of about 600 already and is still rapidly growing. There will likely be 1500 people there in two or three years. There are many Methodists among them and they must have church advantages. Moreover, there are some who need church influences thrown around them for their salvation.

It is our duty and privilege to build this church. Every Methodist in town and every person at Proximity should do something towards it. The church must be built. It will be built.

WITHOUT SOLICITATION.

Brother Abe Kirkman came up to one of the pastors, with a bill in his hand, saying, "Here is ten dollars for your new church." He then intimated that there was more to come. Will not a great many cheer our hearts by coming and making contributions before we solicit them. Feeling that this is a work sanctioned by God and carried on for his glory, we shall show no hesitancy in soliciting contributions, but those who have had the work of collecting money on their hands know that it never becomes a great pleasure.

BOTH GREAT AND SMALL.

Nothing is too costly to sacrifice to God. The priceless gift is not too precious to return to the Source of all wealth. Neither is the smallest mite insignificant, when it represents the ability of the giver. $100 would not be too much for you to put into plank and rafters for the worship of God. Neither would $1 be too little, if that represented your ability.

"GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY."

A highly esteemed writer in a recent number of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* takes preachers generally (and the pastor at West Market Street Church in particular) to task for lack of interest in missions, and especially for indifference to the work of our good women in that direction. For one I enter no defence. I am painfully conscious of many shortcomings, and am amazed and mortified to see only a partial list of them published in the *Advocate*. The pastor's work is manifold and exacting. A man must be almost more than a man, if he can keep all parts of it from suffering. And if I have not shown that interest and sympathy in the work of our noble and consecrated women they have desired and expected, it has been because I felt that the work was under wise and competent management and perhaps could get along with less of the pastor's attention than some other parts of the work. I cheerfully offer my services whenever I can assist them in this great work.

J. H. W.

AN ABLE LECTURE.

Mr. W. T. Bundick, of Virginia, delivered in our church on last Thursday night one of the best temperance lectures it has ever been our privilege to hear. It was chaste and elegant in language and conclusive in argument, and eloquent and powerful in delivery. I was mortified and ashamed that so few of our people had interest enough in this most vital question to attend this lecture. They missed a rare opportunity for instruction and entertainment. Have we lost interest in this subject? And do we intend to abandon the fight so long and earnestly waged against this greatest of all evils? We have made great progress, and have much to encourage us forward. Let us arouse ourselves from our lethargy and go forth to battle against this great foe in the name of the Lord. And if all churches and christians will unite their efforts, we shall soon see a great victory on the side of the armies of "Israel."

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THE FAMILY ALTAR AGAIN.

Dr. Blackwell, at the Baptist church on Tuesday night, said he did not suppose there were ten families in Greensboro, including preachers, that held family worship. In this he was widely mistaken. We can count more than 25 family altars in West Market Street Church alone. And there are doubtless others that we do not know of. But this is a showing that ought to alarm us. There are nearly 175 families in our church. This is a very small per cent. of families who have regular family worship. How can a family maintain and develop religious life and character without this means of grace?

Let all our people think over this important matter, and may God soon have an altar in every household. What will you do about it?

J. H. W.

Never be ashamed of your real self. Try to be what you ought to be and then trust the result. You may be different from other people, but you may be better too. Conventionalism is the child of mediocrity. It is the public sense of propriety. Never be unconventional simply to be odd, but dare to be odd when you can be greater than conventions.

Our highest aspirations are direct inspirations from God. No man can invent anything greater than himself. Our visions, therefore, of a perfect life, which come to us in the silent moments of the night, are an evidence of our contact with God.

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A large number of subscriptions, payable in monthly payments, is the best way in view to build our church. Such a plan will burden none and help all. Think the matter over and see how much help you can render.

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The total subscribed by members at Proximity is $185.50. The payment of these subscriptions will call for self-denial on the part of many. Those who deny the most will derive the largest benefit. A religion that comes cheap is cheap and paltry in its results on the soul.

Quite a number have promised to do work on the building and contribute in this way. This, of course, will be the same as money in the end. If the work were included in the total, perhaps it would be raised to over $225.

The young people of West Market will give a reception at Mrs. G. W. Whitsett's on the evening of Friday 11th. After the entertainment, all refreshments of the season will be served. Proceeds go to West Market Street Church. A small admission fee will be charged.

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Some weeks ago the ladies composing the Woman's Missionary Society asked for a special service in the church in the interest of their work, and requested Dr. T. N. Ivey to preach a sermon for them. Last Sunday night was the time selected. The congregation was large and Dr. Ivey preached a strong sermon. The choir had prepared some special songs and did their best singing. The whole service was helpful and the treasury of the Society received a nice little sum.

This Society was formed years ago and has steadily gone forward with its work. The membership is not as large as it should be, but the number is growing and the interest is increasing. More of our good women should join this Society. J. E. G.

DISCIPLESHIP.

No teacher can accomplish anything through or for a pupil who is full of self-conceit. The reason why Jesus went to the fishermen for disciples was because they realized their ignorance and were teachers. He might have preferred to use the learning of the scribes in instituting his kingdom, had there been any room left in their minds and hearts for His teachings. God empties a man before he can fill him. The emptying process is always more difficult than the filling process. Hence, Jesus chose men already as empty as possible.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held Monday afternoon. There were present twenty-seven members. The society now numbers about 60. After the usual business was transacted the following officers were elected for the year:

Mrs. J. H. Weaver, President; Mrs. J. A. Cunninggim, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. W. L. Grissom, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Treasurer; Mrs. A. W. Vickory, Corresponding Secretary; Agent for *Advocate*, Mrs. Tyre Glenn.

During the past year the society has raised for missions $103. There is an increasing interest in this work among our women, and it is to be hoped it may continue until all our women are interested and enlisted in this work. We would kindly suggest to the ladies that they can largely increase their number by visiting ladies who are not members and asking them to join the society. We could furnish a list of forty or fifty many of whom could be induced to join if this course were pursued.

J. H. W.

BUSINESS MEETING.

West Market League met Monday evening at 8 o'clock. After a short religious service, the President, Miss Trotter, took the chair and held the monthly business meeting. All the committees made encouraging reports of their work. The League is well organized and doing good work.

As the spring opens we hope to see all our church work take on new life and activity. Let all the members of the League make it a rule to be present at each meeting, and be there on time, and take a part in all the exercises of the meeting. The League offers a fine opportunity for the development of our young people and has done much good in that direction. The League now has one hundred and four members. What a power for good this company of young people would be if all were fully consecrated to God's service.

J. H. W.

Men are judged by their associates.

WORLDLINESS.

Worldliness is the church's greatest foe. In some of its forms there is apparently so small departure from right and so much to gratify the tastes and appetites and is often accompanied with such an air of refinement and grace as to make it difficult to resist. The evil and danger are often so covered by a show of respectibility that many are deceived thereby.

The worst forms of sin have their origin in this worldliness for which many in the church plead and in which many indulge. Wine suppers have developed the demon of intemperance in many a man that hastened him to a drunkard's grave. The ball-room numbers its victims by the thousands among both sexes. The social card party has made many a gambler. And yet this worldliness affects to abhor the drunkard and gambler and turns its back with scorn upon its own victims.

Worldliness was the sin of the New Testament church and is the sin of the church of to-day. It is retarding our work, cooling our zeal, consuming our means, blunting our conscience, blinding our eyes, and poisoning our spiritual life. How much money is spent by church people on some form of worldliness, while the heathen are dying in darkness at the rate of thirty million a year?

Nero fiddling while Rome is burning. "If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him."

J. E. G.

WITHOUT SOLICITATION.

We suggested in our last issue that it would be quite agreeable to us for quite a number to come to us voluntarily and make a contribution to Proximity. Whether acting on this suggestion or not, several have contributed without being solicited. They are these:

W. S. Lyon	$25 00
J. S. Jones	10 00
S. L. Trogdon	10 00
S. A. Kerr	5 00

Mr. Kerr is a member of the Presbyterian church, but his liberality is not confined to any creed. We have especial appreciation for a contribution from any one not a Methodist.

SOME THINGS WORTH OBSERVING.

In the administration of the Lord's Supper the bread should be unleavened bread, and not ordinary baker's bread. This should be taken and broken by the minister, and given to the communicant, and not carried round in the silver plates. The plates are only intended to contain the bread while on the table. The cup should be held by the minister just below the rim so that the communicant can take it by the stem or handle in his or her hand and avoid the awkward position of the minister holding to one end of the cup while the communicant is drinking out of the other. It should be understood that each communicant should hold the cup long enough to take the sip of wine and thus place the responsibility of spilling the wine on the right one.

These may seem little things, and yet any intelligent Methodist knows they are based on the Bible and the true customs of our church. There is no church on earth that has a better polity or more beautiful service than the Methodist church, and, while we should not be too formal, we ought to observe our order of doing things. E. L. S.

104.

The West Market League took in five new members Mouday evening, raising the membership to 104. This is a large working force, capable of large planning and great execution. Two dollars raised by each member would make $208, and this amount would be a seventh of what is needed to build our new church. If each member of the League should give one dollar, over one hundred dollars could be given to Proximity. We must do it.

THE CENTENARY SUNDAY SCHOOL AGAIN.

The largest number that ever attended Centenary school at one time was present last Sunday, and the singing — well, you should hear it. It will pay you to go simply to hear the school sing.

We hope to have our infant classroom ready for use in about two weeks, and then we shall be able to do better work and to enlarge the attendance.

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IS IT RIGHT?

Dr. Johnson, of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., in a sermon on "The Young Christian and Popular Amusements," said:

"Card-playing is dangerous, because it leads to dangerous practices. Whist and progressive euchre are responsible for more moral degradation and injury than many immoral agencies more commonly cried out against. The dance is an enemy to public morals. Why? Because sex is the secret of the dance. It permits embraces and contact of the person which would be thought shameful at any other time than during a dance. As to the theatre, it is the devil's chapel. One-half of the show bills are offensive to common decency. Can you play with fire and not be burned? It is asked: 'Why not reform the theatre?' Because it will not stay reformed. There never was a time when the theatre was so patronized by church members as the present, and it is getting worse and worse. If you are going to take the name of Christ, do not be a card-playing, theatre-going Christian. All that sort of Christians could be drowned in the Potomac and the church would not feel one iota of spiritual loss."

When we say that many small contributions are desirable for the building of our church, we do not mean that no large ones are. Indeed, several large ones would relieve us of great strain, and would in no wise impoverish out church spiritually, for our capacity for giving has well nigh been exhausted already.

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But they will tell more. Having done so much for themselves, they will have turned their attention to Proximity and have helped nobly in her work, so that no one will be able to say: "This ye ought to have done and ought not to have left the other undone."

ANOTHER CHURCH.

Our brother, Rev. L. W. Crawford, whom all Methodists know as editor of the *Advocate*, is leading a movement to build a church in Southwest Greensboro. He has already bought the lot. The work will be a great benefit to the community, since there are over a hundren children in that part of town who attend no Sunday School. We hope that the church will aid Brother Crawford in this new movement. Greensboro is growing rapidly, and with it, the Methodist church. We should leave no places uncared for.

THE LITERARY MEETING.

The literary meeting of Centenary Epworth League will be held at the residence of Mr. Jno. T. Wooters, on Asheboro street, next Friday night. All members of the League and young people of the church are kindly invited.

J. E. G.

WEST MARKET STREET CHURCH.

J. H. WEAVER, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

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Epworth League service, Monday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Stewards' Meeting, 2nd Monday at 7:30 p. m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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James Long	2 00
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J. G. Jones	1 00
J. P. Earnhart	1 25
J. L. Wilhelm	25

SPECIAL SERVICES AT CENTENARY.

On next Sunday a series of meetings will begin at Centenary church. The pastor has secured the Rev. J. A. B. Fry, of Winston, to assist. It is the earnest desire of the pastor that every member of the church that possibly can shall attend these meetings. Make your arrangements to come and let no trivial excuse keep you away. But it will not be enough simply to attend, but let all work and pray for the success of this meeting. J. E. G.

AN INTERESTING SERVICE.

Prof. A. Dobbins delivered an illustrated sermon at West Market on last Sunday night. It was a most interesting and profitable service. Deep impressions for good were made on many hearts. The largest congregation was present that we have ever seen at our church. J. H. W.

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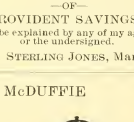

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GLASS HOUSES.

It is a fact that the Jews in the days of David were a semi-barbarous people. They were but imitating the nations around them in their cruelty to enemies and other sins. When butchering defenceless women and children they had the conduct of all other nations for a precedent. We reproach them, pity them, and lament their narrowness and barbarism. But let us not be too hasty in our judgment. With all their sins, they were a noble people. In more points than one they put to shame the polished Christian of America. In his love to God and fidelity to that love, the Jew is an example to us.

God had established his church among them and had provided for its support. His feasts were to be celebrated and his temple cared for. The barbarous Jew was to do it. His faithfulness is history. He went into his vineyard and pulled the first and best bunch of grapes of every ten for God; he stacked his wheat and threshed out every tenth for God; even his mint, anise and cummin, the smallest products of the garden, were tithed. One-tenth of all he had and made, he gave to God, and consumed a third of what he had left in holy feasts and free-will offerings.

O, Christian of this century! with all your light and knowledge, with your advantages, men with comfortable homes and happy families, behold the Jew! Does your zeal for God's cause equal his?

NEW SEATS.

Our new seats are here! It is now in order for all who have subscribed to this fund to pay their subscriptions at once. Many of our friends have assured us that just as soon as the seats came we should have the money. We have accepted these statements as satisfactory and now let all at once pay up. We expect a prompt response to this call. Payments can be made to Bro. J. N. Richardson, Dr. J. E. Wyche, Miss Mary Trotter or any of the official board. If you do not see any of these the pastor will take the money.

J. H. W.

ANOTHER CRUSADE.

When I remember how the heroes of a Continent left their homes of luxury and plenty, and denying themselves of every comfort, braved the dangers of forest, wilderness and spear, in a futile effort to rescue the tomb of their risen Lord from Turkish ownership, and desecration, I wonder if our knowledge is not greater than our zeal. When I see a band of holy warriors marching from their European homesteads into the land of Palestine to conquer this sacred ground for Christ and hear that one by one they fall to feed their flesh to vultures and to bleach their bones on desert sands, and then see their sons and grand-sons start out with increased determination on the same exalted mission, I wonder if the world has grown in grace and earnestness. When I read that Peter left his all and followed Jesus and that Paul, the great and learned, left his fame and hope of wealth to preach the gospel in chains and prison cells, I wonder if the nineteenth century produces a greater type of christianity. Sometimes I fear that our religion is a respectable side issue, instead of a transforming power that should enter into the springs of life and bring out streams of living water to refresh a thirsty land, burnt up by the parching rays of sin.

QUICKLY.

Another voluntary subscription has been received by Mrs. Mollie E. Vuncanon. We express our thanks. If any more subscriptions are voluntary, they will be such for no other reason than that they are handed in before we get an opportunity to ask for them. We are at work in dead earnest now to raise the amount necessary to build our church. We are growing so rapidly that we will die of crowding, if we do not soon get more room. The church must be built immediately. We hope to have over $700 in subscription to publish next week.

The following building committee has been appointed: Dr. J. H. Weaver, Dr. W. L. Grissom, J. S. Jones, Tyre Glenn, S. L. Trogdon, W. C. York, J. F. Scurlock, D. W. Laughlin, G. T. Rowe.

TEST IT.

Some reasoners have proved to themselves conclusively that crops and rainfall are governed by certain natural laws. They would make us believe that the products of the soil depend upon nature and that prosperity is the result of energy and ability. That may be true. But history is history and demands consideration. Natural laws were in operation in Canaan. The Jews at times attributed all their prosperity to these laws and their own ability, thus shutting out the living God. They withheld their offerings from the sanctuary. Then famine came, their barns were empty and their cattle lean. Confessing their sin and repenting of it, they brought their offerings to God, and prosperity returned. What was true in Canaan is true in America and in Greensboro today. "And Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked." Then it was necessary to bring adversity upon her to teach her obligation to God. "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily, thou shalt be fed."

OUR MEETING.

The meeting in progress at Centenary is growing in interest, and though the weather so far has been very unfavorable, yet the prospect for a good meeting is encouraging. Rev. J. A. B. Fry, pastor of Grace church, Winston, is preaching to the profit and pleasure of those who hear him. He is deeply in earnest and a very impressive speaker. Come out and help us and get good and do good.

J. E. G.

STEWARDS' MEETING

On last Monday night was held the monthly stewards' meeting. The members were all present except one. Many important matters were considered and most encouraging reports were made from every department of our work. Dr. G. W. Whitsett and W. L. Frazier were added to the reception committee and S. S. Mitchell and Henry Boyles were elected as additional ushers.

J. H. W.

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Were God to intrust you with His cattle on a thousand hills and His gold in a hundred mountains, your responsibility would be great. But cattle are only finer forms of grass and clay, while gold is simply hardened dust. You have committed to you a far greater trust. The weight of immortal souls is on you. Could you take the little life wrapt in the body of an infant child and place it in one side of a scale guaged to eternity, and then place the wealth of earth and stars in the other, the life would far outweigh.

There is some heart that you can enter; you know its thoughts and hope and life. Perhaps no one else can reach it, but you can. To fail to do it would be a failure of fidelity to trust, a loss of that soul to eternal darkness, and a robbing heaven of one of its treasures.

You cannot shift that responsibility to the preachers, however faithful they may be. Your preacher is a man of like passions as other men and of like limitations. The united power of God, angels and men, preachers included, is necessary for the salvation of the world.

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1. The location should be the best that could be gotten. Those that have the matter in hand should avoid the mistake that was made when Centenary church was located. Perhaps the importance of this step has been duly considered, for I know nothing of the proposed plans, except what has been briefly published, nevertheless, it is a matter that cannot be emphasized too much. Locate the church on one of the nice corner lots that could be bought, and is convenient both to the Normal, and Greensboro Female College.

2. The church should be one that will command the respect of all. A nice church would not hurt the mother church even though it should draw from her a few members. West Market Street, and Centenary, too, as to that matter, could live even though they should give up enough of their members to form the nucleus of a strong church. Build a church that will be respected by the intelligent young ladies of the two colleges and by all in that community. Let us study Methodism at large, and remember that the day for building, in our cities, little chapels on ineligible lots has passed. Let all intelligent Methodists, therefore, enquire personally into this matter, for we are all one, and should ever concern ourselves with that which pertains to our church. E. L. S.

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THE LITERARY MEETING.

The Centenary League held its monthly literary meeting on last Friday night at the residence of Mr. J. T. Wooters, on Asheboro street. The attendance was good and the evening much enjoyed. The subject selected was "An Evening With William Cullen Bryant," and the program was as follows:

1. "Bryant's Boyhood," by Miss Ava Dunley
2. "A Forest Hymn,"
   read by Mr. Walter Williams
3. "His Literary Career," by Miss Agnes Lewis
4. "His Home and Travels,"
   by Miss Eva Montgomery
5. "Thanatopsis," read by Miss Ruby Glascock
6. "His Death and Burial,"
   by Miss Hattie Wooters

The papers and reading were all good. Refreshments were served and enjoyed.

THE AID SOCIETY MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Centenary church was held last week at the residence of Mr. I. N. Smith, on Asheboro street. The meeting was more largely attended than ever before and the interest manifested in the work of the church was marked. Mrs. Smith spared no pains to make the meeting a success and succeeded admirably.

J. E. G.

The subscription published "S. L. Trogdon $10.00" in last issue should have read: "A member of West Market Street Church $12.50." We are glad to make the correction.

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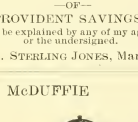

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VITAL AND IMPORTANT.

We fear that, after all that has been said in regard to the new church at Proximity, we have taken it but little to heart. Men inquire how the work is doing out there, express pleasure at our progress, and that is the end of it. What we need is to realize our responsibility in this work and be faithful in discharging it.

Most Methodists in Greensboro know that we have organized a church there, that our membership is nearly forty, that our Sunday School numbers over a hundred, and that our room is so crowded at the night services that no one is comfortable, and that many are turned away because there is no room. They know that our hall will seat only 110, while our night congregations would number near 300, if we had the room.

The Methodist church in Greensboro expects us to grow at Proximity. That's what we are there for. But will some advice-giving Methodist teach us how to grow, without room to grow in? We would be overjoyed to know how to seat 400 people in 100 chairs, or put 150 Sunday School children in a room that will seat 110. We have already grown. Starting from nothing a little over three months ago, we have a large Sunday School and a well-organized church. We have grown until there is no possible further development until we have a place to develop in. Our shell is ready to burst now from crowding.

Moreover, what has been done, we have done largely ourselves. We have had large help in our Sunday School from a few people away from Proximity, but in our church work we have stood alone. Proximity church is no baby begging in the streets of Methodism for food and clothing, but she has developed into a strong church, and we doubt whether there is a better organized congregation in North Carolina.

Now, you say: Help yourselves. Well, we have helped ourselves. Where will you find another small factory town that has started a Methodist church from the ground, and in three months afterward subscribed $300 from the operatives of the mill, for the building of a church. Yet we have subscribed nearly that amount. The Baptists of Greensboro built the Baptist church near Proximity nearly, if not altogether, and the Episcopal church outside of Proximity built the Episcopal church there. The churches of most factory towns are built with a small amount of help from the operatives. Rich men, or other people, usually furnish the bulk of the money necessary. We cannot expect that at Proximity. We do not expect it. We want to pour our blood and sweat into that church, and in building it we want to know what sacrifice means. We have known it already. Some of us have subscribed ten times as much as all we have.

But strive as we may, a large amount of help must come from the outside or we cannot build. That throws responsibility somewhere. At the judgment, somebody will be responsible for every soul damned. You will be responsible for the soul next to you. Proximity has been lying at the doors of Greensboro for two years crying for help. A floating population and lack of means prevented her from doing for herself what Greensboro can do. They can not do the work there without help.

In the name of God, then, who is to be responsible for the salvation of those people? If Greensboro isn't, then nobody is. They are eager for church privileges. They must have them or some men will go to Hell for the lack of them, and as he goes shriek back into the ears of Greensboro, "You could have saved me and you didn't try." The Methodist churches of Greensboro are under obligation to both God and man to help these people to erect this house of worship. If the Methodist church is responsible, then, every member of that church in this town is responsible for the building of a church at Proximity.

No, my brethren, we must help in this grand work, or prove false to both God and man. "We can't do it, we are so badly in debt ourselves." If Proximity could do without, then such an excuse might do, but since it is an absolute necessity that she is asking for, such an excuse is paltry and mean in the eyes of God. Can we, brethren, sit in a forty thousand dollar temple and worship God, and fail to help erect a modest little building that the word of God might be preached to dying men? Can we sit on pews which cost three times as much as a whole church for Proximity would, and think of them without even a house of worship, with a clear conscience?

Your subscription need not be but a mite, as compared to your subscription to your own church, and yet that mite from all is necessary or our church cannot be built. Then responsibility must rest on us, and, as no poetic fancy, will the words of Jesus come ringing in our ears at the last day: "I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat."

But the church must be built, and it will be. Who will help to do it? "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye them bitterly, because they come not up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

UPON THE WATERS.

Solomon in one of his wisest moments said: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth." In spite of thousands of verifying examples, the church has refused to believe this truth. Some, however, have believed it thoroughly, and acting upon it, have blessed the world and obtained the blessing from this scattering.

The M. E. Church, South, through some of its loyal members, has tested the wisdom of this statement, and as a result, is the recipient of God's peculiar blessing. A crisis came in missions. A debt of $145,000 was hanging over the church and impeding its work. Heroic action through divine guidance was needed. The church rallied to its duty and the debt has just been raised. With what result?

The announcement of the fact that the debt had been raised had scarcely gone forth, when Congressional reports stated that a bill had passed allowing the Southern Methodist Publishing House $228,000 for damages to and use of their buildings by U. S. soldiers during the late war. Verily, brethren, the Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS.

For the information of all our members we publish from the Discipline of 1894 the utterances of Bishops and General Conference on the subject of Worldly Amusements. Let all our people read and ponder these statements, and then make an honest effort to live up to them. We do not desire to retain in our church members who habitually disregard our rules:

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"In this same condemnation, as equally contrary to the Scriptures, which declare that 'the friendship of the world is enmity against God,' to our General Rules, and to the vows which all our members have voluntarily assumed, this General Conference would include card-playing, theater-going, attendance upon race-courses, circuses, and the like. These offenses are, likewise, justifiable grounds of discipline."

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DE PROFUNDIS.

The ability to feel indicates greatness of nature. Scientists tell us that the lowest animals are capable of but little sensation. A fishing worm may be cut in two without experiencing any pain; a fish dies quite easily: and the living organisms infesting water may be boiled to death without feeling. The horse and other more highly organized animals experience pain acutely, while man being the most highly developed animal, is most sensitive to pain.

Men are greater than beasts only in this, that they feel more deeply. It is our privilege to run the whole scale from ecstatic bliss to the most woeful sorrow. The mother who can see her infant torn from her arms and carried away without experiencing the pangs of separation, is a lower order of being than the cow that lows for her absent calf.

Sympathy in the Greek means "to feel or suffer with." The man, who is devoid of sympathy, failing to bear in a measure the feelings of others, both happy and sorrowful, is living the life of a low order of beast rather than that of a man.

David never prayed again quite so eloquently as when he exclaimed: "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee." The Son of God became the savior of the world when by a life of toil and a death on the cross He was "made perfect through suffering." As the crushed and wounded flower bleeds fragrance into the air, out of the ashes of a buried hope and the chambers of a riven heart incense of trustfulness and sympathy may arise.

EASTER SERVICE.

Our Sunday School expects to give an Easter service. We want all the members of the school to participate in this service. Let all be present each Sunday from now until Easter and do all in our power to make the occasion a success. Let parents see that all their children attend, and let our teachers look after the members of their classes and bring in those who have been absent. We want to see all our members present one time.

J. H. W.

"IN MEMORIAM."

The Epworth League was highly favored Monday evening by a reading from Prof. J. Y. Joyner, of the Normal. The subject was one which Prof. Joyner had studied deeply and had learned to love. His reading was distinct, rythmical and expressive, while the comments and explanations were clear and earnest. The great difficulty was in trying to do justice to so deep a poem in so short a time. Prof. Joyner did not attempt to read or explain the whole poem, but snatched choice morsels here and there as he read and explained. The lecture was a treat and revelations to every lover of Tennyson.

There come to almost every soul times of spiritual exaltation, when he feels that he has overcome all sin and eradicated all traces of it from his nature. He has the approval of God's spirit in all he does and dwells constantly under the shadow of the Most High. If that soul but walk humbly in these heavenly moments, divine guidance is vouchsafed to him, and he may thus live forever. As the highest mountain peak furnishes the sublimest view but is also the point of greatest danger, so the mount of transfiguration is the point of closest contact with the Eternal, but is also the height from which the deepest fall is possible. When we begin to think that sin is no longer possible and that it no longer presents terrible temptations, then we are in most danger of falling. Jesus was tempted from the wilderness to Gethsemane.

Biography is a profetable study, because it is a revelation of the universal mind. What was actual in any life is possible in yours. The lives of great men analyzed show the elements to be simple. You may not be as famous as they were because circumstances may not draw you out, but you can make your character just what theirs was. Lincoln analyzed is simplicity and honesty; Elijah is fidelity and moral courage; Job is patience; and Moses is meekness. What hinders you from having the elements of their characters in you and being as great as they were.

THE REVIVAL WE NEED.

1st. The church needs to be revived. Many have grown cold; some are doubtless backsliders, and ready to perish. We all need to be quickened into new zeal and greater activity in our religious lives.

2d. There are little differences and difficulties that creep in and estrange members from each other. We need a deep and general revival that all such things may be swept away; that all our hearts may be filled with love for each other and for all men. Let us forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us.

3d. We need a revival for the salvation of the unsaved. Our children and friends are many of them of this number. Can we be indifferent to their eternal destiny. Will we not lay aside everything that divides or weakens us and give ourselves as a church to this work? May this revival begin now in the heart of each member of the church. Brother, sister, do you need it; do you want it. Will you pray for it? Will you work for it? If so, all shall have such a revival as we have not seen in many years.

J. H. W.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM.

We hope to be able to get into the new room by Sunday, and we are anxious to have all the Sunday School scholars present on that day. New classes will be made and this will necessitate a larger number of teachers. We shall now have room for a much larger number of grown people in the school and hope to see a largely increased attendance on next Sunday afternoon. Let everybody that can be present at the next session of the school. We will give you a hearty welcome.

J. E. G.

The hard, beating rains pack the ground and injure plants. The gentle, steady, soaking causes them to sprout and grow. The soft zephyrs cool the air and refresh the tired body, but the tornado carries destructions in its blasts. So the quiet trouble, the small care, the daily toil constantly feed the soul and enable it to grow.

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A REVIVAL.

We are planning and praying for a revival; we feel the need of it greatly, and hope all our members are praying for it. If we are to have a revival much depends on the church. Let there be careful and searching self-examination and constant prayer that God may show us our needs and supply them; so that He may use us as instruments in doing His work. It has been a long time since we had a revival at West Market and we feel that the time has fully come. We are completing our new church and will have a convenient and comfortable place of worship; now as we go into it let us all strive to do so with new consecration to God. And may He abundantly pour His spirit upon us, and make us as a church a power for good in this land. J. H. W.

THE CENTANERY MEETING.

The meeting closed on last Friday night and brother Fry returned to Winston on Saturday. The meeting was a good one in many respects. The church was very greatly revived and a number professed faith in Christ. Bro. Fry won the hearts of those who heard him. He is clear, earnest, consecrated and forcible. The pastor and church very much appreciated his faithful work. J. E. G.

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Your life may be so circumvented that your amount of usefulness seems small. Men are apt to lay great stress on space and attribute greatness to those deeds only that are transacted over vast areas. But God has never measured values by sizes. Jesus had a smaller territory than North Carolina to work in. For thirty years he labored in a village community. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," is his command.

Some are fearing war. It may come. But it is certain that our executive will not bring misery and loss of life on our country without just cause. If it should come, there can be no possible doubt as to the end. War is simply a matter of means and money, humanly speaking. The United States is vastly rich and can buy all the war vessels necessary in ten days. Spain is bankrupt and would inevitably suffer defeat. May God keep us from blood.

After reading volumes in an effort to find something new, one is often forced to the conclusion of Solomon, that their is nothing new under the sun. Mere intellectuality is always desappointing. But there is something deeper. Love is an endless sea. Its revelations are incessant and eternal. He who embarks on it, has nothing short of God for his goal.

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EXPLANATORY.

In order that our readers may know where to lay the responsibility of every utterance appearing in THE METHODIST, we wish to state that all unsigned matter in these columns is always written by the Editor. All other matter is signed by the writer or given due credit. There appear some things at times which are not to the liking of some. In order that they may know whom to censure, we make this explanation. We loathe anything anonymous. The man who is not willing to back up his statements with his name is worthy of nothing but contempt, and should forever hold his peace. We are not ashamed of our convictions and are willing to be responsible for the utterance of them. Due deliberation is not always possible in paper work. Articles cannot be laid aside to "soak." The paper must go to press. Our readers, then, will pardon any expression which seems hasty.

We must depend largely on the various pastors for matter relating to their respective churches. Our hands are full at Proximity, so that it is impossible for us to keep up with the workings of the other churches. The columns of the paper are open to every one. If you have anything to say in regard to your Epworth League, Sunday School, or anything else, we will be glad to publish it. We would be glad if the S. S. superintendents, Epworth League officers and others would write of their work occasionally.

G. T. ROWE.

DR. SAM STEELE.

The Epworth League has voted to have Dr. Sam Steele deliver one of his great addresses in Greensboro. This will be a fortunate occurrence for those who admire brilliance and oratory. It has been said repeatedly that Dr. Steele has the most powerful and attractive voice on the American continent.

We have heard him preach once and deliver one address. The memories of those hours are rich, and we would gladly forego almost any pleasure in order to hear him again.

Dr. Steele is the present editor of the *Epworth Era*, the League organ of the M. E. Church, South. His fame as a speaker has gone throughout the Southern church. You cannot afford to miss hearing him.

WHY.

Perhaps some have mistaken our motive in publishing the names of those who contribute to the building of Proximity church. It is not that their names may be sounded and their liberality paraded before men. In fact, we would prefer that every contribution should be given in the spirit that "lets not the left hand know what the right hand does."

But a great work is to be done at Proximity. All of us have a share and duty in that work. Proximity will owe a large debt of gratitude to some persons when the work is done. In order that they may know who their benefactors are, and in order that Greensboro may know who has helped build this church, we desire to publish the names of all who make contributions.

REV. E. E. HOSS, D. D.

Dr. Hoss, who is to preach for us next Sunday, is a native East Tennesseean, born and reared in the old town of Jonesboro. He is a member of the Holston Conference, and for the third time is elected by his Conference to represent it in the General Conference. Eight years ago he was elected by the General Conference as editor of our connectional organ, *The Christian Advocate*, published at Nashville, Tenn. He was re-elected to the same position four years ago. He has made us a most able and acceptable editor. He has been a successful pastor, college professor and college president. He is now prominently spoken of for the higher and more responsible position of Bishop. He is a thoroughly good and able man, and can be trusted in any position he may be called to fill.

J. H. W.

CENTENARY LEAGUE.

The business meeting of the Centenary League was held in connection with the devotional meeting in the church Monday night. The following officers were chosen: President, Miss Eva Montgomery; 1st Vice-President, Rev. E. L. Stack; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Ava Dauley; 3rd Vice-President, Miss Ruby Glascock; Secretary, Mr. Joe Phillips; Treasurer, Mr. Walter Williams.

Mr. T. A. Glascock and Miss Irma Mendenhall were elected delegates to the Epworth League Convention to be held in Salisbury the last of May and Mr. Eugene McNairy and Miss Agnes Lewis were elected alternates.

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This day is kept in memory of the resurrection of our Lord. It should be a glad and joyous occation to all people. The resurrection of Christ means more to our world than any other event that has ever taken place. Let it not be a day of show and display and foolish and sinful amusement, but let it be a day of holy rejoicing and praise, a day for the revival of our energies and zeal, of our faith and hopes. a day of a new and fuller consecration of ourselves to our risen Lord and his service. J. H. W.

NEXT SUNDAY.

On next Sunday will be the formal opening of our new church. We want all our members and friends to be present and participate in the services. Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., editor of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, will be present and preach for us at 11 a. m. We will also have some appropriate Easter music and other exercises of interest and profit to all our people. J. H. W.

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All are cordially invited.

Singing by Congregation—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.

Singing by School—Hallelujah, Praise the Lord.

Responsive Reading—Praise ye the Lord.

Singing by Congregation—Peal on Sweet Bells.

PRAYER.

Singing by School—Risen Indeed.

Recitation—Past is the Night.

Easter Song—Young Ladies of Greensboro Female College.

Easter Greeting—Children of Infant Class.

Singing by Children of Infant Class—Lily Bringing.

Recitation—Flowers for the Risen King.

Singing by School—Our Galilee.

Singing by Infant Class—Lilies of Easter.

SHORT ADDRESSES.

Singing by Infant Class—The Easter Message.

Solo, with Semi-Chorus, and Chorus by School—The Story We Love.

Responsive Reading—The Early Morning.

SINGING BY CHOIR.

Recitation—At Easter Time.

Singing by School—Break from Your Bondage.

Responsive Reading—Joy and Gladness.

Singing by Congregation—Joy to the World! the Lord is Come.

Singing by School—The Stone is Rolled Away.

Recitation—Easter Morning.

Singing by School—The Valley of Joy.

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Singing by School and Congregation—Grace is a Gift of Love.

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The bad weather of last week so delayed the work as to make it impossible to use the room on last Sunday, but the work is now (Wednesday) about done and everything will be in fine order by Sunday. We want all the little children present next Sunday that we may thoroughly organize the children's department. We are also anxious to have all the teachers present to assist in this work and all those who have been spoken to for teachers will please be on hand promptly at 3 o'clock. We shall need some new teachers, how many we do not now know.

We had on last Sunday the largest attendance in the history of the school (260), but many were absent and many more who go to no school might have been there.

Let every teacher and member of the school be present next Sunday, and if you can, bring some one with you. We want three hundred present at the opening of our new room.

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J. E. G.

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A FEARFUL CHARGE.

A fearful charge has been brought against the Epworth League by some of the Northern papers. The large falling off in gain of membership in the M. E. Church has been laid at its door. The papers say that the church gave the reins to the League and put it forward as the most important body of the church. They looked to it for large results. The results did not come, at least in a large gain of membership to the church. Hence the papers would attach blame to the League.

We do not believe that the charge is in the least true. If the M. E. Church has "turned the reins over to the League, it has committed a great blunder. The League has never claimed the right to lead the church. Its sole aim is to develop the young life of the church and prepare shoulders to receive the mantles when they fall from the older members. The lack of large gain in membership in our neighbor church is no cause for alarm. Large ingatherings are periodic. Like the tides, they ebb and flow. Last year the tide was low.

But there is a deeper reason for lack of gain. The Methodist church has been working extensively ever since its origin. It is a pioneer church. It has gone into the backwoods, into mountain coves, along the shore—everywhere—and planted itself. While covering such a large area it has had little time to cultivate intensively the land subdued. But the time has come when the Methodist church is beginning to look more to the inner life of its members. The wilderness conquered and turned into good land must be made to blossom as the rose. Hence, the M. E. Church has been endeavoring to strengthen and intensify its inner life, and for that reason, has not been as active in bringing in new members as hitherto. This done, the large increase in membership will begin again.

GOODY-GOODYNESS.

The world likes to see and encourage power. No negative characteristic or quality can command especial respect. A man is commended for what he is rather than for what he is not. A king or a nation is not praised for lack of vice so much as for active virtue. A garment may be perfectly spotless and at the same time be totally worthless, because its threads are weak and and loosely woven.

The work of grace in the heart is bifold. The impurity of sin must be washed out and the positive Christian virtues must grow. To get rid of sin and evil habits is by no means an easy task. Even after regeneration, the old habits of brain, body and mind clamor for repitition. Old combinations of brain cells must be destroyed and new ones must be formed. Acts of righteousness must be performed until it becomes as natural to do good as it was to do evil before. The habit of holiness must be acquired.

There are some well-meaning Christians, who exhaust themselves in the effort to get rid of sin. They lap off their vices one by one, until there remains neither spot nor blemish. They put aside not only the recognized sins of men but also the little questionable faults that adhere to the lives of most people. But they have acquired the epithet "goody-goody." Why? Because they have made religion a negative rather than a positive quantity. They have spent their time in weeding out vices rather than in cultivating virtues which would choke out sin. Instead of learning to think, feel and act like angels, they have been content with ceasing to think, feel and act like Satan.

YOUR BOY.

A child goes astray. Sometimes the parent is disposed to blame the church for it. He feels that the church has failed to do its whole duty, in that it has allowed a lamb to stray away. But the sin has been laid at the wrong door. The first part of the Decalogue teaches of duties to God; the latter part relates to duties towards men; the commandment, "Thou shalt honor thy father and mother," comes in between, partaking of the nature of both parts. You stand in God's stead to that boy. He believes that you are the greatest man in the world, and it is right that he should. No person or society can come between you and him. It is in your hands and in yours alone to shape his early life. No church, no teacher, no Sunday school can do it for you or rid you of the responsibility of doing it.

"When all thy mercies, O, my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise."

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Finding that I have more work than I can well attend to, I have turned over the business management of THE METHODIST to Miss Hattie Hartsell, who has consented to attend to all business matters relating to the paper. All advertising contracts should be made with and all subscriptions are payable to her.

G. T. ROWE.

A CHANGE OF GARB.

Since our subscribers are paying due deference to spring by donning Easter dresses and bonnets, THE METHODIST has decided to change its appearance somewhat. The larger type will be more acceptable to those whose eyes are growing dim. Three months is long enough to wear one suit of clothes anyway.

EASTER SERVICE.

Dr. Hoss preached a logical, learned and inspiring sermon to a full church Sunday morning. Our Presbyterian brethren suspended their services in order to worship with West Market, and Centenary and Proximity were represented by both pastors and people.

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A little boy in Pennsylvania mixed colors from leaves and berries and having forced the family cat to loan him his tail for a brush painted a picure. His mother saw the painting and expressed her pleasure by kissing the boy "That kiss," said Benjamin West "is what made me a painter." The first display of talent in a child should be encouraged.

COMING.

Don't forget to lay aside a little change so that you may hear Dr. Steele. He will be here about the middle of May.

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And the meditations of my heart,
Be acceptable in thy sight,
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The Pope, head of the Catholic church, expressed a desire that all difficulties between our country and Spain should be amicably settled and intimated that he would act as arbitrator. Now the Spanish government ventures the hope that the United States will accept the mediation of the Pope, saying that by refusing our country would offend against right and peace. Amazing absurdity! A Catholic Pope acting as mediator between a Catholic and Protestant country! Does Spain presume upon our gullibility so far as to think that we are idiots and fools?

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"Keep your moral balance wheel perfect. Never let it jar."

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Joseph's only sin was self-conceit or pride. His experience at the hand of his brothers cured him.

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John Huss was the mud sill of the Reformation. His blood fertilized the soil out of which a Luther was to grow.

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Some truths are evolved by careful thought; others must soak in. The time element is essential in developing character.

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Hypocrisy is peculiarly the sin of the other man. We easily see the mote in our brother's eye, but hardly realize the beam in our own.

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Dr. Hoss in his sermon at Asheville said: "Sanctification is the habit of holiness." When it becomes natural to a man to do right he is sanctified.

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North Carolina's motto is esse quam videri, to be rather than to seem. It is very true in the latter part. She has never made any effort at display.

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He who makes great professions of holiness must expect to be watched more critically and must not become angry with his brother for picking flaws.

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It is a far greater honor for a man to acknowledge his fellowship with God than it is for him to claim acquaintance with the great men of the earth. Why are some men ashamed to pray?

Without Christianity,
Fame is a bauble,
Wealth is dross,
Success is failure,
Gain is loss.

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One of two motives actuates all men. One is moral worthiness or character; the other is external display or reputation. The one is living for God; the other is living for men.

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Irreverence is a dangerous and growing sin. Some little children, seeing Elisha passing by, cried out, "Go up, thou bald head," and bears, coming out of the wilderness, devoured them.

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A man is full of the Holy Ghost when his will is in perfect harmony with the divine will. Disobedience is sin, and sin is the only principle that can keep God out of the heart. The absence of sin admits God in his fullness.

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A preacher tried to preach, but ended in apparent failure. Said a hearer afterwards: "Five words in that sermon caused me to weep bitterly." "He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall return again bringing his sheaves with him."

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The protracted services at West Market, begun on Easter Sunday, are accomplishing great good in unifying and reviving the church. Dr. Weaver is preaching plainly, faithfully and powerfully, and his work is being blessed by the presence of the Spirit of God. It is not known how long the meeting will continue.

We are redeemed after the power of an endless life. The work of soul development, begun in time, must continue through eternity. The careful merchant, training his mind in planning, may expect to find congenial employment in the next world.

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Patience rightly understood is a blessing. It is good to be able to submit to unavoidable misfortune without murmuring or loss of temper, but when we become resigned to a condition that could be remedied we are negligent rather than patient.

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The American Colonies fought for and gained their independence without half the provocation that Cuba has had. "Taxation without representation is unjust," was the platform of the Revolution. Cuba's taxation has not only been without representation, but also cruelly oppressive.

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When the decree went forth that no one should worship any being save the king for thirty days, Daniel might have closed his window and thus avoided the lion's den. But he knew that he was right and was unwilling to compromise in a single point.

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Shakspere is the revealer of human nature. He thought there was something in man. Listen:

"What a piece of work is man!
How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty!
In form and moving, how express and admirable.
In action, how like an angel!
In apprehension, how like a God!
The beauty of the world, the paragon of animals."

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WEST MARKET, NOTICE!

The Treasurer of the Board of Stewards sends in a notice, stating that the board is in need of money. Seventy-five of the assessed members have not paid a cent during this Conference year. This means that the year is nearly half gone and that the accumulated obligations of five months on these delinquents have not been met. The longer the duty of supporting the church is put off the larger the amount due becomes and the harder it is to meet. We should settle a debt to the Almighty just as promptly as we do one to a friend.

Goodness and intellect are by no means the same thing. A man may be conscientious and at the same time very ignorant. Conversion may redeem the intellect and place it in a position to acquire profound knowledge and sound judgment, but God does not promise to give through a miracle that which is rightly the product of effort and growth. To see a man, raised out of a filthy ditch of drunkenness, redeemed from gross sin and saved from destruction, immediately put himself up as a teacher of God's word to dictate to old men, grown gray in righteousness, is ludicrous and disgusting.

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"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion."—Amos 6:1.

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NOTES FROM CENTENARY.

The Second Quarterly Conference was held on Wednesday night of last week in the Sunday school room. Rev. Zadack Ravis preached an interesting sermon, after which the business matters of the church were considered. The reports were fairly good. The following delegates to the District Conference were elected: B. E. Smith, E. E. Bain, C. C. Johnson and L. M. Clymer; alternates C. E. Brower and T. A. Glascock.

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The Epworth League has elected the following delegates to the Epworth League Conference to be held in Salisbury May 26-29: Mr. T. A. Glascock and Miss Iona Mendenhall; alternates Mr. Joe Phillips and Miss Agnes Lewis.

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The infant class room has now been used for three Sundays. This department of the school is being well organized. Miss Etta Stockard is the lady manager and is doing very thorough and efficient work. The new room supplies a long felt want. It is used as an Epworth League room, the Wednesday night prayer-meeting and the business and social meetings of the church.

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Rev. P. J. Carraway will preach at Centenary on next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Let all the members be present.

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The literary and social meeting of the League will be held on Friday night of next week. An interesting programme is being prepared. J. E. G.

SPAIN.

The population of Spain is between 17 and 20 million. 60 per cent. cannot read and write. The State religion is Roman Catholic. Their government and civilization are at least one hundred years behind the most enlightened governments of the world. Spanish cruelty is a proverb in history. The inquisition has burnt its horrors into the soul of every student of history. The Duke of Alva, representing the Spanish king and people, is the most cruel character in history.

IF YOU WOULD BE HAPPY.

Take a cheerful view of everything.

Trust in God and mind your own business.

Give your tongue more holiday than your hands or your eyes.

Compare your manifold blessings with the trifling annoyances of each day.

Be content to do the things you can, and fret not because you cannot do everything.

Do the duty that lies nearest thee, thy second duty will already have become clearer.

Never reply in kind to o sharp or angry word; it is the second word that makes the quarrel.

Luke, a good physician, made a good writer; Peter, a good fisherman, made a good disciple; Matthew, a good politician, made a good apostle; Paul a good student, made a good missionary. God himself cannot make anything out of a constitutionally no-account man.

Read the advertisements.

Some one has said that a "good thought is a grand legacy to bequeath to the world." If such be the case, how zealously we should guard these silent visitants of the heart. Good thoughts are true wealth; they are gems that always shine; they are goodly apparel for the mind; they are seeds of noble actions and noble institutions; they are the molds in which exalted characters are formed; they make good and great men; they are nations' mightiest bulwarks.

In June the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board will convene in our city, and we, as Methodists of Greensboro and the State, should fully appreciate the honor which has been conferred upon us. This Board represents the foreign missionary interests of the M. E. Church, South, and to have in our midst this meeting of earnest Christian women, will be an inspiration to our home missionary workers and a benediction to the church.

The man who says that the world is a consummate rascal will need watching. His statement is likely to prove true as far as himself is concerned. "The world is a looking glass in which we see ourselves reflected."

Solomon was a failure at once grand and sublime. Once the highest, then the lowest; once the wisest, then the most foolish. He went from the loftiest height of kingly greatness to the lowest depths of contemptible vice.

We had the pleasure of seeing Rev. S. H. Hilliard on our streets this week.

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NOT A NEWSPAPER.

At the Stewards' meeting on last Monday night some unkind things were said about THE METHODIST.

It seems that the paper has not come up to the expectations of the brethren. It was not our purpose to make a great paper of THE METHODIST, but simply to establish an additional means of communication between the pastors and people. We think the paper has done good. At West Market Street Church we have had larger congregations, larger Sunday School, larger attendance at quarterly conferences than ever before. I think this partly, if not largely, due to the visits of THE METHODIST to every Methodist home. If the brethren do not think the paper *pays*, we are perfectly willing to discontinue its publication. We have enough of other work to keep us busy, and can manage to get criticism enough to keep us humble without being connected with a paper.

J. H. W.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Phillips were received by certificate into West Market St. Church. We extend to this young couple a hearty welcome.

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If the members of the church, who so severely criticise others, could only know the opinion of others concerning themselves, it would no doubt lessen their vanity, humble their self-conceit, and conduce to their more churchly demeanor. It is really painful to know how unkindly many professing Christians criticise their fellow-men. So out of accord with the spirit of a true disciple is such conduct that the most indifferent and ungodly should blush at it. Friend, if this hits you, take it, feel it and go and pray that the leperosy of uncharitableness may be washed from your heart.

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LIFE'S RESTS.

There is no music in a rest, but there is the making of music in it. In our whole life-melody the music is broken off here and there by "rest," and we foolishly think we have come to the end of the tune. God sends a time of forced leisure, sickness, disappointed plans, frustrated efforts, and makes a sudden pause in the choral hymn of our lives, and we lament that our voices must be silent, and our part missing in the music which ever goes up to the ear of the Creator. How does the musician read the rest? See him beat the time with unvarying count, and catch up the next note true and steady, as if no breaking place had come between.

Not without design does God write the music of our lives. Be it ours to learn the tune, and not be dismayed at the "rests."—John Ruskin.

There is danger in confounding sincerity and religion. One may be thoroughly sincere and think that he is a good Christian, but his ideas of Christ may at the same time be false and his heart bigoted and selfish.

Rev. G. T. Rowe, editor of THE METHODIST, is absent from the city this week.

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